



# WEST MOUNTAIN COMPLEX BOULDER AND WOLF CREEK FIRE DAILY UPDATE

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

**Boulder-Wolf Creek Fire Information 208-462-0345 (8am-8pm)**

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**Summary:** The Boulder and Wolf Creek Fires started on the evening of Wednesday, July 24, 2024. The Boulder fire is located 5 miles west of Donnelly on the Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest. The Wolf Creek Fire is located 5 miles North of Donnelly. The fire is burning in steep, rugged, and difficult to access terrain.

Great Basin Team 7, a Complex Incident Management Team, under the command of Mike Johnston took command of the West Mountain Complex at 6:00 a.m. today which includes: Boulder, Wapiti and Bulltrout Fires on the Boise National Forest and the Wolf Creek Fire on the Payette National Forest. All fires are using a full suppression strategy to manage these lightning-caused fire. For firefighter safety, please avoid high traffic fire areas and give the firefighters room to do their job.

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:** Yesterday, thunderstorms throughout the day produced wetting rains in the fire area. Humidities were in the 45 – 55% range. Temperatures today will be in the low 70’s with a ridge of high pressure building over the next few days bringing warmer temperatures peaking on Friday when record high temperatures can be expected.

**Fire Behavior:** Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping, and short-range spotting. Possible spotting may occur, however the sage and grasses in the area are only slightly cured and are less receptive to fire.

**Actions:** Numerous resources have been ordered and will be joining with current crews already on the ground for both fires to continue with fire suppression efforts.

**Boulder Fire:** Firefighters have completed hand and dozer line on the southern end of the Fire in anticipation of a burnout to remove fuel in front of the fire. This will provide a good anchor point for crews to work from.

Quick Facts Boulder	
Fire Location	Wolf Creek: 5 miles W of Donnelly, ID Boulder: 9 miles SW of Cascade, ID
Size	Wolf Creek: 909 acres Boulder: 325 acres
Containment	Wolf Creek: 0% Boulder: 0%
Personnel	Wolf Creek: 126 Boulder: 112
Start Date	Both Fires: 7/24/2024
Cause	Both Fires: lightning
Incident Commander	Mike Johnston, Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #7
Online Links	
<b>InciWeb:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-wolf-creek-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-wolf-creek-fire</a></li> <li><a href="https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-boulder-fire">https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-boulder-fire</a></li> </ul>	
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Increased smoke may be visible throughout the valley during this operation. Air resources will continue to support crews on the ground and will be used where appropriate as conditions permit.

**Wolf Creek Fire:** Crews will continue to construct line where possible and take advantage of opportunities to work directly along the fire's edge when conditions permit.

**Important Information:** Risk to responders and public safety remain the highest priority for the incident management team.

The Boise and Payette National Forests have issued closure orders for the safety of the public and firefighters working in the area. The full order and maps can be on the Boise National Forest and Payette National Forest website under the Alerts and Notices section of the website.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions have been issued for the Payette Fire Restrictions Area. To check your specific area or for more detailed guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/56rmf7p6>.

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