



WEST MOUNTAIN COMPLEX

Boulder, Wolf Creek, Snag, & Dollar Fire Updates

August 12, 2024

Fire Information Phone Line 208-462-0345 (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

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QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Personnel	Start Date
Boulder	9 miles SW of Cascade	1,795 acres	6%	425	7/24/2024
Wolf Creek	5 miles W of Donnelly	1,054 acres	52%	194	7/24/2024
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	13,050 acres	0%	21	8/5/2024
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	1,377 acres	0%	0	8/5/2024

Cause: Lightning (All Fires)

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:

A fire weather watch for lightning is in place for this evening through Tuesday, which is issued by the National Weather Service when the combination of dry fuels and weather conditions support extreme fire danger. Gusty winds and evening thunderstorms are predicted, but little rain is expected to accompany the storms.

Boulder Fire:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-boulder-fire>

In the northwest corner of the fire, light fire activity occurred in the Fawn Creek area, and night crews directed their efforts to secure and strengthen the containment line. The connection of a dozer line and road 421E was completed yesterday, which created a robust fire perimeter and will allow for continued firing operations when weather conditions are favorable. Aerial resources were utilized to conduct bucket drops to aid in fire suppression strategies. Night shift crews continue working on the Boulder Fire to help secure and anchor existing lines.

Wolf Creek Fire:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-wolf-creek-fire>

Sunday was the second day no new spots were detected, and fire activity was low across the Wolf Creek Fire yesterday. The fire perimeter increased on the northern and southern ends, and containment increased to 52%. Crews are working diligently in mopping up along the containment line. Mop up operations involve extinguishing or removing burning material to ensure the fire has been snuffed out and won't reignite.

Snag Fire:

<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-snag-fire>

The Snag Fire remained active yesterday and is now within a ½ mile of the Warm Lake Highway. Due to this progression, an engine was placed on the highway throughout the night to continue monitoring the fire's growth. The fireline near the Warm Lake Highway will be continuously evaluated every hour. Firefighters are prepared to take action if the fire breaches the highway. Crews are creating a dozer line to the southwest and connecting it to an indirect line to solidify a fire perimeter for protection of the Horsethief Reservoir area. In remote and tough terrain such as this, direct firefighting is challenging. Confining the fire to a specific area allows firefighters to focus their resources more effectively. By utilizing a confinement strategy, firefighters are able to put control line in more favorable locations, allowing for a higher probability of success. It also prioritizes firefighter safety, as they can use existing barriers and indirect line. Water pumps and hoses are staged at structures around the Snag Fire and are ready to be activated if needed.

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Dollar Fire:

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The southwest corner of the Dollar Fire saw the most activity yesterday. Crews continue to monitor the Dollar Trailhead and a nearby drainage to evaluate if the fire is moving into terrain that is more conducive to fire spread. The top end of the fire ran into a previous burned area (formerly the Cascade Complex) which led to decreased fire activity because the fire did not have any fuels to continue its progress.

SNAG FIRE EVACUATION INFORMATION

The Valley County Sheriff's Office issued a "ready" evacuation order for Warm Lake residents and the North Shore Lodge at Warm Lake on August 7th. The map can be found on Inciweb: <https://tinyurl.com/42auxnk8>. A second "ready" evacuation order was issued on August 8th for the Horsethief area, including the YMCA Camp, and areas of Scott Valley. This map can also be found on Inciweb, with the relevant areas outlined in purple: <https://tinyurl.com/4vfj657x>

Ingress along the Warm Lake Highway on the east side of Scott Valley is closed. Currently, westbound traffic toward Cascade along the Warm Lake Highway is allowed. Residents and recreators in the area will be notified of the closure. Residents not currently at their homes will be granted one-time access into the Warm Lake area to retrieve animals and other property if they can provide a valid address. Anyone who remains in the area should be prepared for a full closure of the Warm Lake Highway and have enough fuel to exit the area via the Deadwood area or Lick Creek Road. As a reminder, the South Fork Road remains closed due to construction unrelated to the Snag Fire.

Review the READY, SET, GO evacuation procedure for Valley County: <https://www.co.valley.id.us/ReadySetGo>

For timely information on evacuations, check out your county's emergency alert system.

- Valley County: <https://www.co.valley.id.us/CompleteEmergencyNotificationandAlerting>
- Adams County: <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/PublicUser.aspx?regionid=1077>

FOREST CLOSURES

Wolf Creek Fire Closures: On the Payette National Forest, a closure including popular National Forest System roads around the Wolf Creek fire such as: sections of NFS #1763 (West Mountain Jeep Trail), #835, #206, #326. On the Boise National Forest, Forest Road #435 (Anderson Lake Road) was closed on August 1.

Boulder Fire Closures: The Boise National Forest has issued a closure order #0402-04-98 for National Forest System (NFS) roads, trails and lands encompassing the Boulder Fire. The closure was enacted to protect public safety and support fire suppression activities. The closure includes Blue Lake and Snowbank Mountain Road (#446) along with all #404 and #421 system roads.

Snag Fire Closures: The Boise National Forest has issued closure order # 0402-04-100 for the National Forest System (NFS) roads, trails, and lands around the Snag Fire.

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For maps and more detailed descriptions of the closures on the Payette National Forest, please visit:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/payette/alerts-notice>

For maps and more detailed descriptions of the closures on the Boise National Forest, please visit:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>

Fire Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions have been issued for the Payette Fire Restrictions Area on the Payette National Forest and the West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Area on the Boise National Forest.

For more information on the restrictions and a very helpful interactive map, visit

<https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

Important Links

- Payette National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/payette>
- Payette National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PayetteNationalForest>
- Boise National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/boise>
- Boise National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BoiseNationalForest>
- Idaho Department of Lands: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/>

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