



WEST MOUNTAIN COMPLEX

Boulder, Wolf Creek, Snag, Dollar, Goat Fire Updates

August 13, 2024

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QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Personnel	Start Date
Boulder	9 miles SW of Cascade	1,808 acres	6%	470	7/24/2024
Wolf Creek	5 miles W of Donnelly	1,154 acres	55%	232	7/24/2024
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	17,118 acres	0%	22	8/5/2024
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	1,580 acres	0%	0	8/5/2024
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	683 acres	0%	0	8/5/2024

Key Message: Join us for a West Mountain Complex Community Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for an in-person explanation of current fire activity and planned actions on these fires. The Community Meeting will be held at the Cascade Fire Department, at 109 E Pine St, Cascade, ID.

Cause: Lightning (All Fires)

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:

A Red Flag Warning is in effect for today. This warning was issued for thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds. Predicted storms have the potential to bring erratic gusts accompanied with rapid wind shifts.

Boulder Fire:

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

The night shift used fire suppression tactics to hold and patrol fire perimeter lines strengthened during day operations. Firefighters continue to construct and improve control line from the south to road 421E back into the fire perimeter. Crews look for opportunities to utilize firing operations to increase areas of “black” between the handline and the fire perimeter. The “black” denotes a condition where there is no unburned material between the fireline and the fire edge. This provides a strong containment line and eliminates fuels that could lead to fire growth.

Wolf Creek Fire:

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

Fire activity was subdued across the Wolf Creek Fire yesterday, and firefighters continue to progress with mop up tactics to strengthen the containment line. Priority was placed on areas of heat that had potential for torching. Torching describes a fire pattern of extremely hot fire that moves rapidly up a tree; the hotter the fire, the faster it burns. This could lead trees, such as subalpine firs, to throw embers over the containment line. Accordingly, crews continue looking for spot fires and are diligently extinguishing areas of heat along the fire perimeter. Containment is expected to continue increasing as the fire remains in its current footprint.

Snag Fire:

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

The Snag Fire burned actively through the night, with most growth in the northeast corner. The fire was within 500 feet of the Warm Lake Highway yesterday, and the road was subsequently closed for public and firefighter safety. Firefighters will continue to evaluate conditions to determine length of closure. The power line was deenergized this morning when the fire reached a designated trigger point. Firefighters continue to construct

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and improve control lines to the southwestern end of the fire, to protect private land and resources around the Horsethief Reservoir. The fire continues backing downhill towards the control lines, meaning the fire is moving slowly with lower intensity. Crews established a point protection plan with pre-identified trigger points to activate equipment staged near residences around Warm Lake and Horsethief Reservoir.

Dollar Fire:

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

Yesterday, most activity occurred in the south and west side of the fire. However, a previously burned area (Cascade Complex) has led to decreased fire activity, as there are less fuels in formerly burned areas. The Dollar Fire continues to be monitored by air and ground.

Goat Fire:

The Goat Fire saw more fire activity and has potential for further growth. The western edge of the fire ran into a previous burned area (East Fire) which is serving as a natural barrier to fire growth. The terrain is steep and hazardous, so the fire will continue to be monitored by air and ground. Firefighters are utilizing natural barriers and plan to construct control line from the south end of the Snag Fire down to the west side of the Goat Fire to prevent the Goat Fire from moving west.

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>

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>

ROAD CLOSURES

Warm Lake Highway Closure: The Valley County Sheriff's Office has closed Warm Lake Highway due to the Snag Fire. The Warm Lake Highway is closed at the Horsethief Road intersection east toward Warm Lake and from the Johnson Creek Road intersection west toward Warm Lake. Scott Valley residents will be allowed access.

FOREST CLOSURES

August 12, 2024 update: The Boise National Forest has modified or expanded their wildfire closures to address public and firefighter safety and respond to increased wildfire growth. This new closure area begins at the south end of the Dollar/Oro (Snag) fire closure area and continues south to Crouch and the Banks-Lowman Hwy, and east to the 579, 563 and 582 roads.

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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.

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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