



WEST MOUNTAIN COMPLEX

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



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QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment.	Start Date
Boulder	9 miles SW of Cascade	1,968 acres	11%	7/24/2024
Wolf Creek	5 miles W of Donnelly	1,154 acres	81%	7/24/2024
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	19,828 acres	0%	8/5/2024
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	1,675 acres	0%	8/5/2024
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	99 acres	0%	8/5/2024
Gabe	9 miles SW of Cascade	5-6 acres	0%	8/15/2024

Cause: Lightning (All Fires)

Total Incident Personnel: 833

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:

Numerous rain showers and scattered thunderstorms occurred over the fire areas yesterday. Clouds and showers kept the humidity levels higher at around 30% to 40%. Chance of rain showers and thunderstorms will be minimal Friday through the weekend and into early next week. Temperatures on Friday will remain slightly cooler than average, with humidities around 35%. Saturday will bring hot, dry, windy and unstable conditions and a Fire Weather Watch has been issued. Conditions will moderate Sunday and into early next week, but will remain warm, dry, and breezy.

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

Fire behavior was observed throughout the day yesterday. However, the fire did receive some precipitation with thunderstorms moving through the area. Fire managers are planning for firing operations northwest of the 421E Road when weather conditions become optimal to strengthen the containment line near the road. Firing operations may cause additional smoke impacts.

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

The Valley County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with Great Basin Incident Management Team 2, have established one-way escorts for residents and contractors through the Snag Fire affected areas. This escort will be provided for reasons of necessity and not for recreation purposes. For more information visit: <https://www.co.valley.id.us/news/post/1210>.

The Snag Fire remains the most active fire of all the fires being managed by the incident management team. Some spot fires were observed on the northern portion of the fire, however fire crews were able

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to prevent further fire spread. The fire perimeter remains active burning heavy dead and downed fuels, which continues to create challenging conditions for firefighters. Additional firefighting crews have been assigned to the Snag Fire and firefighting activity along the Warm Lake Highway will increase.

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

Fire crews observed some fire activity within the northeast perimeter of the fire inside the containment line. Firefighters continue mop-up operations. Mop-up is the process of extinguishing or removing burning material near control lines down to the mineral soil, felling fire damaged trees, and cooling ash pits. As fire activity minimizes, resources will be reassigned to the Snag Fire.

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

The Dollar Fire is slowly spreading in all directions. However previously burned areas and rocky outcroppings are limiting fire spread. Firefighting crews are currently working to slow fire spread on the southern perimeter of the fire where it is moving toward the North Fork Gold Trailhead and a previously burned area. Aerial resources are continuing to monitor fire behavior.

Goat Fire: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-goat-fire>

Aviation resources are monitoring fire spread to the north toward the Snag Fire and to the east toward the Middle Fork Payette drainage. The western perimeter of the Goat Fire borders a previously burned area, which may slow fire progression. Fire managers are working to assign firefighting crews to the Goat Fire as progress is made on other fires being managed by the incident command team.

Gabe Fire:

A new wildfire was reported at approximately 6 p.m. last night near Snowbank Mountain and Gabe Peak, just northeast of the Boulder Fire. Ground and air resources were immediately dispatched to the wildfire where crews engaged in suppression operations. Throughout the day today, fire crews will be mopping up and monitoring the area to ensure no hot spots or flare-ups occur.

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 7. The map can be found on Inciweb:

<https://tinyurl.com/42auxnk8>. A second "ready" evacuation order was issued on August 8 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>

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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. For updates on county closures visit:
<https://www.co.valley.id.us/departments/SheriffsOffice>.

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.

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.

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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