



# WEST MOUNTAIN COMPLEX

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

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### QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Start Date
Boulder	9 miles SW of Cascade	2,305 acres	44%	7/24/2024
Wolf Creek	5 miles W of Donnelly	1,154 acres	95%	7/24/2024
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	23,100 acres	3%	8/5/2024
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	2,449 acres	0%	8/5/2024
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	1,718 acres	0%	8/5/2024

**Cause:** Lightning (All Fires)

**Total Incident Personnel:** 1,094

Soldiers of the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion, based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington, continue to support firefighting crews. The Army firefighting crews are working to help reduce available burnable vegetation by preparing the firelines for chipping and mulching. They continue to help wildland fire crews secure, hold, maintain and mop-up firelines.

#### **Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:**

Yesterday, fire activity was influenced by partly cloudy skies, with temperatures in the 60s and 70s, relative humidities between 20-25% and southwest winds from four to 24 miles per hour. The most active areas of the fires included sites with slopes in alignment with southwest winds, and on the southern portion of the Snag Fire. Today, a Red Flag Warning is in effect due to unstable weather conditions, including low relative humidity, and gusty winds from south southwest.

#### **Boulder Fire:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv>

The Boulder Fire picked up in activity yesterday with at least two new spots outside the secured perimeter. Fire personnel immediately began direct suppression tactics utilizing aerial resources. Fire activity on the northern perimeter remains the most active. With the predicted weather changes, fire activity is anticipated to remain active throughout today. Crews will work to continue to hold containment lines and monitor fire activity during the predicted wind shift.

#### **Dollar Fire:**

<https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz>

Fire activity on the northern edge of the Dollar Fire increased yesterday. Fire personnel continue indirect suppression efforts on the southern edge of the fire and are looking for future opportunities for firing operations. Throughout the day today, firefighters will install hoselays to provide water for suppression operations. This will help prevent the fire from progressing to the south and west. Water can help cool and reduce flame intensity in areas with active fire.

**Snag Fire:**<https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu>

Plumes of smoke were visible from the firing operations along the Warm Lake Road yesterday as the weather conditions permitted firing operations to strengthen the containment lines. Large smoke columns were also visible along the southern perimeter of the fire near the 406 Road. Firefighters continue to address a previous spot fire from several days ago on the north side of the Warm Lake Highway with direct suppression tactics. Contingency lines along the remainder of the Warm Lake Highway are successfully holding firing operations and activity away from the road. Today, crews will continue to monitor the edge of the fire in all directions for spots to help strengthen, hold and secure the control lines.

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://tinyurl.com/mtartvas>

**Wolf Creek Fire:**<https://tinyurl.com/mcksrfvh>

Firefighters assigned to the Wolf Creek continued to patrol and monitor the fire for any new hot spots along the north and northwest side yesterday. They completed more rehabilitation work to improve the dozer and handlines which were used to contain the edge of the fire. Rehabilitation work will continue again today.

**Goat Fire:**<https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr>

Yesterday, fire crews continued to monitor the progression of active fire on the western side near the Clear Creek Rd and drainage area and the east side towards the previously burned East Fire area. Fire activity is expected to slow down as the fire makes its way into another previously burned landscape to the south. Today, crews will continue to use chippers and masticators to remove burnable vegetation that could threaten the control line if not mitigated.

**Other fire information:**

Middle Fork Complex (Nellie, Anderson, and Bulldog Fire): <https://tinyurl.com/3rhawr5y>

Wapiti Fire: <https://tinyurl.com/yf7reydj> Bulltrout Fire: <https://tinyurl.com/tatwwk5t>

**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>

**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

**Hunting Closures:** Prior to entering the backcountry, Idaho Fish and Game advises hunters to check with their local Forest Service ranger district offices or county sheriffs' offices for fire closures in their hunt areas. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4td8hwzc>

The Boise National Forest has modified or expanded their wildfire closures August 12, 2024 to address public and firefighter safety and respond to increased wildfire growth. This 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/>