



# 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	2,313 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	25,235 acres	3%	8/5/2024
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	2,665 acres	0%	8/5/2024
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	1,963 acres	0%	8/5/2024

**Cause:** Lightning (All Fires)

**Total Incident Personnel:** 1,073

Army crews from the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion based at Joint Base Lewis McChord are currently assisting with suppression efforts on the West Mountain Complex.

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:**

All fires experienced light precipitation yesterday as a low-pressure cold front moved from the southwest toward the northeast. Winds will shift and come from the northwest today. Scattered thunderstorms will linger in the area but are not expected to produce moisture. Fire behavior is expected to be reduced by the overcast skies today, but scarce moisture will have little to no impact on heavy fuels currently smoldering and burning.

**Boulder Fire:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv>

Firefighters with integrated Army crews continued to mop-up hot spots using hose lays along the southern boundary. Chippers are being used to reduce the buildup of unburned vegetation on the unburned side of the control lines to mitigate any future possibility of new spot fires. Firefighters will continue to look for opportunities to use firing tactics to remove unburned islands of vegetation inside containment lines. Active fire is still persistent along the fire’s northern and smoldering is expected to last for days to come.

**Dollar Fire:**

<https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz>

The progress of the Dollar Fire is limited to the west by rocky terrain and an area of previously burned vegetation is slowing the spread of the fire’s perimeter to the east. Crews prepped and plumbed contingency lines on the southwest side, in anticipation of firing operations, weather and conditions permitting. Firefighters worked to contain active fire in the northern reaches to limit any forward movement near the Payette National Forest boundary.

**Snag Fire:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu>

The active fire to the north of Warm Lake Road was secured within control lines along with direct and indirect suppression tactics. Additionally, Army crews helped improve indirect fire line while patrolling and mopping up hot spots. Previously burned fuels to the west are helping to prevent westward growth. The spot fires to the south from a

few days ago are all confined behind control lines developed along old logging roads. Firing operations to secure the boundary will be conducted in future days when weather permits. Today, crews expect to increase containment efforts along the southwest flank of the fire.

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

Crews will continue to complete suppression repair and rehabilitation on the Wolf Creek Fire over the next several days. Resource Advisors are on the fire ensuring that planned environmental rehabilitation measures are carried out effectively on the fire line after suppression efforts take place.

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

Areas of previously burned fuels, such as the Cascade Complex to the north and the East Fire beyond the eastern boundary, continue to limit fire growth in either of these directions. Firefighters will continue to evaluate values at risk to the south of the fire to minimize impacts and develop long-term planning strategies.

**Other regional 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 is planning to allow residents and vetted contractors (those providing services to residents in the Warm Lake, Yellow Pine, and Big Creek areas) to come and go as needed without an escort along the Warm Lake Highway, dependent on weather and fire activity. The highway remains closed to the public and will only be open to those approved in advance by the Sheriff's Office. 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 modified or expanded their wildfire closures on 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.

**Dollar Fire Closure:**

The Payette National Forest implemented an area closure on August 23, covering an area north of the Boise National Forest closure, to provide for public safety around the Dollar Fire. National Forest System trails #099, #100, #101, and #302 are impacted by the closure.

**Wolf Creek Fire Closures:** On the Payette National Forest, a closure includes popular National Forest System roads around the Wolf Creek fire such as: sections of NFS Road #1763 (West Mountain Jeep Trail), #835, #206, and #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/>