



WEST MOUNTAIN COMPLEX Boulder and Wolf Creek Fire Updates

August 3, 2024

Boulder-Wolf Creek Fire Information 208-462-0345 (8am-8pm)

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Summary: The Boulder and Wolf Creek Fires started on the evening of Wednesday, July 24, 2024. On July 31st an incident management team was delegated the West Mountain Complex which includes: Boulder, Wapiti and Bulltrout Fires on the Boise National Forest and the Wolf Creek Fire on the Payette National Forest. A full suppression strategy is being utilized on these lightning-caused fires. For firefighter safety, please avoid high traffic fire areas, slow down while driving and give the firefighters room to do their work. As we enter the busy weekend, be aware of aerial resources and give them plenty of space while recreating on Cascade Lake as they are using the reservoir as their water source for suppression.

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior: Hot and dry weather conditions continue to cure both live and dead fuels across the landscape. The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flad Warning for Saturday night into Sunday morning. Critical fire weather conditions are possible, this weather brings a potential for lightning and winds from scattered thunderstorms. This weather can increase fire behavior and will test existing control lines.

Actions: Crews are working towards achieving greater containment on both Boulder and Wolf Creek Fires. The potential for new fire starts in the area remains significant, and firefighters remain vigilant and focused on initial attack (IA) and are ready to respond to any new threats.

Boulder Fire: Fire activity increased on the northeast portion of the fire yesterday and a column formed in the early afternoon. Improvements to anchor points will continue on the south end of the fire. Road 421 is being secured on the east of the fire heading north to Fawn Creek. Mechanical line in this zone will help fire managers increase their probability of success.

Wolf Creek Fire: Fire activity also picked up yesterday in the Little Weiser drainage as was expected. Contingency lines have been established north of this drainage. On the southern division, firefighters were

Quick Facts	
Fire Location	Wolf Creek: 5 miles W of Donnelly, ID Boulder: 9 miles SW of Cascade, ID
Size	Wolf Creek: 954 acres Boulder: 620 acres
Containment	Wolf Creek: 10% Boulder: 7%
Personnel	Wolf Creek: 210 Boulder: 192
Start Date	Both Fires: 7/24/2024
Cause	Both Fires: lightning
Incident Commander	Mike Johnston, Great Basin Complex Incident Management Team #7
Online Links	
InciWeb:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idpaf-wolf-creek-fire https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/idbof-boulder-fire 	
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Idaho Department of Lands	
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able to achieve more containment. Crews continue to patrol and monitor this anchor point. Mop up is ongoing moving north.

Important Information: 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. Near the Wolf Creek Fire, Forest Road #435 (Anderson Lake Road) was closed on August 1st. For more information on closures on the Boise National Forest please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/alerts-notice>

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 and #326 was issued on July 27, 2024. For a map and a more detailed description of the closure please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/payette/alerts-notice>

For the Wolf Creek Fire, the Valley County Sheriff's Office has issued a "ready" evacuation order for residents in Zone 7 and Zone 8. The "ready" status means that there is a threat or hazard to your local area. At this level, residents should be thinking about their evacuation plan and monitoring trusted news sources for any change in evacuation status. Maps and additional information on the evacuation status can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7kbuy6>

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://adcogov.org/adams-county-emergency-notification-system-coded> .

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions have been issued for the Payette Fire Restrictions Area. To check your specific area or for more detailed guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/56rmf7p6>.

The Boise National Forest, Idaho Department of Lands, and Bureau of Land Management will begin Stage 1 fire restrictions on state, endowment, private and federal lands within the West Central Mountains Fire Restrictions Zone. **The restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 5th.** For more information on the restrictions and a map visit: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/fire-restrictions-finder/>

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