



WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



September 7, 2024

Fire Information Phone Line: 208-462-0345 (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

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Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Assigned Personnel	Inciweb Link
Boulder	6 miles SW of Cascade	4,128	24%	479	https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	32,737	13%	432	https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu
Dollar	18 NE of Cascade	4,261	3%	15	https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	5,427	0%	83	https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr

Cause:	Lighting (All Fires)	Total Incident Personnel	1,009
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Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:

As thermal belts set up, temperatures remain above normal (70s - 80s today) with low humidity (low teens). There is a small (5%) chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening hours today. Any storm would likely be dry and has the potential to produce gusty and erratic winds. Current weather conditions lend themselves to more active fire behavior and spotting in the coming days. Smoke is likely to settle and remain in the area. In particular, the Goat Fire is expected to see an increase in fire activity today.

Army crews from the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion based at Joint Base Lewis McChord are imbedded with fire crews. Yesterday there were four Army crews on the Boulder Fire and two Army crews on the Snag Fire.

Boulder Fire: “Set” and “Ready” evacuation orders are in effect. Learn more at [Valley County Sheriff on Facebook](#).

- There was some increased activity in the Olson and Brush Creek areas yesterday, and several aircraft worked to help keep fire behavior in check. Increased activity in the drainages is expected again today.
- Crews are successfully holding the 404 Road and performing some small burning operations in that area. Conditions permitting, these operations will continue today to check northern fire spread. Firefighters will improve fire lines along the 404 Road complex and near the Willow Creek area and continue assessing structures in this area.
- Fire activity is minimal on the west, and chipping operations are taking place along the 421 Road on the east.
- Aviation resources will support efforts on the ground as weather and smoke allow.

Dollar Fire:

- The Dollar Fire continues to be checked up in the old burn scars with some minimal activity on the north side. The Black Hills Wildland Fire Module continues monitoring this fire.

Snag Fire:

- Interior pockets of unburned fuel continue to burn. The fire is slowly backing down the slope on the east side, meeting the old burn scars. Other areas of the Snag Fire are slowly creeping or displaying interior burning.
- Warm Lake Road remains open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with one lane of traffic and a pilot car for individuals vetted through the Valley County Sheriff’s department. (Escort request form: www.co.valley.id.us/EscortRequest. Go slow and safely along Warm Lake Road; firefighters are working along the roadway.
- Warm Lake Rd is holding well with no threat to the line but there is still some individual tree torching along the road.
- Structure prep continues near the Warm Lake Structures, and masticators are removing fuel near the South Fork of the Salmon / 474 Road and continuing south.
- Crews are mopping up and patrolling along the 409 Rd on the southeast side and along the southwest side.

Goat Fire:

- The Goat Fire was active yesterday, growing 517 acres. There was westward advancement toward the 099 Road and eastward movement toward the Sixteen to One drainage, where it is likely to align and generate active burning and visible smoke. The Goat Fire is expected to burn actively today, potentially advancing both east and west.
- Today, firefighters will hold and improve previously built fire line along the 405 Road on the north side, and crews are scouting for indirect line options south of the fire along the 041 Road system near Middle Fork drainage.