



# WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

## Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



**September 1, 2024**

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### QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Assigned Personnel	Inciweb link
Boulder	9 miles SW of Cascade	2,393 acres	57%	343	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv">https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv</a>
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	30,046 acres	3%	516	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu">https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu</a>
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	3,419 acres	0%	79	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz">https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz</a>
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	2,848 acres	0%	83	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr">https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr</a>

**Cause:** Lightning (All Fires)

**Total Incident Personnel:** 1,061

- Helicopters were unable to fly today due to the heavy smoke hindering visibility, however an Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) was able to safely assist with firing operations burnout operations.
- Six of the 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade Engineer Battalion based at Joint Base Lewis McChord assisted with mop up and firing efforts on the Snag Fire, while the remaining two crews assisted with line construction on the Dollar Fire.

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:**

- Smoky conditions linger this morning under a persistently stable air mass and sunny skies. As the day progresses, southwest winds gusting to 20 mph will arrive, helping to clear smoke from the area by early afternoon. Minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the single digits. With low humidity, increased winds, and sun exposure, increased fire activity is predicted with potential for spot fires carrying up to 0.4 mile. Cloud cover increases in the evening, which may trigger isolated storms overnight tonight, and a possibility of dry lightning.

**Boulder Fire:**

- Crews began a small firing operation on the northwest section of the fire where increased fire activity has been observed over the past two days. Additional firing may be needed along the Blue Lake Trail.
- Firefighters continue to secure containment lines, chip brush, branches, and other unburned fuels, and mop up while they monitor for potential issues.

**Dollar Fire:**

- Firefighters continue to work the Dollar Fire, seeking opportunities to establish containment by line construction and/or use of firing operations. They are considering the need for firing out green fuels near the southeast corner of the fire.
- Fire crews will also continue to monitor and mop up areas where work has already occurred.

**Snag Fire:**

- Masticators were used to chip brush adjacent to the Warm Lake area, reducing available fuels between the active fire edge and values at risk. Engines were also working in the area. They will continue to be in the area today.
- Hot shot crews were mopping up the western edge of the fire that crossed Warm Lake Road and scouting terrain suitable for line construction to contain the fire north of the road.
- The firing operation that was implemented along the southern edge of the fire is steadily backing down the hill to Forest Road 409.
- Personnel will be checking the stability of bridges in the burn area and protecting them from fire so they can safely open roads when the time is appropriate.

**Goat Fire:**

- Little movement was observed on this fire over the last couple of days.
- Crews continue making improvements to Forest Service Trail 099 so the trail may be used as a contingency holding feature in the case of fire moving in that direction.