



# WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

## Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



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### QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Assigned Personnel	Inciweb link
Boulder	9 miles SW of Cascade	2,868 acres	36%	401	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv">https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv</a>
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	31,809 acres	1%	425	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu">https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu</a>
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	4,010 acres	0%	61	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz">https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz</a>
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	3,265 acres	0%	124	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr">https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr</a>

**Cause:** Lightning (All Fires)

**Total Incident Personnel:** 1,011

**Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:**

Yesterday was another active day on all four of the West Mountain fires. Today, there is a possibility of scattered showers and thunderstorms, with 25 mile per hour winds shifting from southwest to northwest over the day. With increased cloud cover, temperatures will be cooler and relative humidity higher than yesterday. Skies clear overnight, with cooler temperatures and increased relative humidity recovery. Fire behavior is expected to moderate with weather.

- Army crews from the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion based at Joint Base Lewis McChord are currently assisting with suppression efforts on the West Mountain Fires as well as assisting with adjacent wildfires in the area.

**Boulder Fire: *Evacuation orders are in effect. Learn more at [Boulder Fire | Inciweb](#).***

- The Boulder Fire progressed to the east and west in the Olson Creek drainage yesterday, as well as toward Blue Lake. Firefighters with four Army crews created indirect containment line to tie in with Forest Road 446 on National Forest System lands between the fire and residential areas, and structure assessment was initiated in the Willow Creek subdivision. Scoopers and Type 1 helicopters were used to slow the fire’s progression.
- Today, indirect line construction will continue using hand crews and heavy equipment from Forest Road 404 to 464. Aviation resources will be used again today, depending on weather conditions and aircraft availability.
- Fire managers coordinated with the Valley County Office of Emergency Management and the Valley County Sheriff’s Office to establish evacuation zones, including four zones in “go” status and two in “set” status.

**Dollar Fire:**

- Two Army crews supported firefighting efforts on the Dollar Fire yesterday.
- Firefighters completed a 5-acre burnout operation yesterday evening along the fire’s southwestern edge, where increased fire behavior threatened containment lines. They continue to mop up and patrol the area today.

**Snag Fire:**

- Yesterday, at the fire’s north end, crews continued to patrol and mop up hot spots along the Warm Lake Road, making the road safe for travel. The powerline was re-energized yesterday. Warm Lake Road will open today with one lane of traffic and a pilot car for residents of the Yellow Pine and Warm Lake areas.
- The Snag Fire grew slowly along its eastern flank yesterday, moving into previously burned areas where minimal fuels will help limit fire growth. A strike team of engine crews is beginning to assess structure needs for fuels mitigation and placement of sprinklers, hoses, and pumps in the Warm Lake area.
- Along the fire’s southern edge, crews mopped up and patrolled along Forest Road 409, keeping fire north of the road, and they were able to contain three spot fires south of the road yesterday. This activity continues today.
- Firefighters, along with four Army crews, continue to secure and mop up along the fire’s western flank.

**Goat Fire:**

- There was minimal growth along the southern edge of the Goat Fire yesterday.
- Crews continue preparing Forest Service Trail 099 as a holding feature and will continue to assess the need to fire from trail 099 either to the north or south of the fire if it approaches the trail at the top of the ridge.

**Smoke:** Find air quality and smoke information at: [www.wildlandfiresmoke.net](http://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net) and [www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health](http://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-and-health)