



WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



September 4, 2024

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QUICK FACTS

Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Assigned Personnel	Inciweb link
Boulder	6 miles SW of Cascade	2,868 acres	36%	428	https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	31,809 acres	1%	303	https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu
Dollar	18 miles NE of Cascade	4,010 acres	0%	60	https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	3,265 acres	0%	128	https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr

Cause: Lightning (All Fires)

Total Incident Personnel: 919

Weather | Anticipated Fire Behavior:

Under cloudy skies, higher humidity, and cooler temperatures, all of the West Mountain fires were less active yesterday. Today will be warmer, with temperatures in the 70s and slightly lower humidity, near 30%. Light northwest winds will shift more westerly. As we move through the week a warming and drying trend is expected. Fire behavior today is expected to be similar to yesterday, with isolated and group torching and small runs possible. It is likely that these fires will continue to burn until a season-ending weather event. Historic average indicates this will occur around mid-October.

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

- Fire managers coordinated with the Valley County Office of Emergency Management and the Valley County Sheriff’s Office to downgrade evacuation status, placing four zones in “set” status and one in “ready” status.
- The Boulder fire moved across the Olson Creek drainage and entered the Brush Creek drainage. Type 1 helicopters helped slow its spread. Firefighters with Army crews improved direct and indirect containment line on Forest Service lands between the fire and residential areas.
- Today, containment line construction continues using hand crews and heavy equipment, between the fire and residences. Crews are assessing opportunities to establish containment in Brush Creek. Aviation resources will be used again today, depending on fire and weather conditions and aircraft availability. Structure assessment continues in Willow Creek subdivision.

Dollar Fire:

- Firefighters with two Army crews supported firefighting efforts, as they held and secured containment lines along the southwestern edge of the Dollar Fire. Fire growth was minimal. Crews will continue to mop up and patrol today.

Snag Fire:

- Overall, Snag Fire was much less active yesterday. Warm Lake Road is open today 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. Go slow and safely; firefighters are working along the roadway.
- The Snag Fire continued moving slowly along its eastern flank yesterday within a previously burned area. A strike team of engine crews continues to assess structure needs for fuels mitigation and placement of sprinklers, hoses, and pumps in the Warm Lake area.
- Crews continue to mop up and patrol along Forest Road 409. Hoses and pumps have been installed along the road to assist with securing the southern edge of the fire.
- Firefighters, along with four Army crews, continue to secure and mop up along the fire’s western flank where containment has been established.

Goat Fire:

- Goat fire grew to the north and south and has crossed south of the Middle Fork Payette River drainage.
- Crews continue preparing Forest Service Trail 099 as a holding feature and will daily assess the need to burn off of trail 099 to protect values at risk if the fire moves to the west.