



WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



September 8, 2024

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Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Assigned Personnel	Inciweb Link
Boulder	6 miles SW of Cascade	4,159	24%	507	https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	33,014	13%	419	https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu
Dollar	18 NE of Cascade	4,297	8%	13	https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	6,054	0%	157	https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr
Cause:	Lighting (All Fires)	Total Incident Personnel	1096		

Weather:

Expect the smoke and haze to remain in valleys and drainages today. Afternoon temperatures will be in the upper 60s to mid-70s on the mid-slopes and ridges to the lower to upper 80s at lower elevations. Afternoon humidities will be in the teens and lower 20s. There is a potential for isolated thunderstorms this morning and afternoon with lightning and gusty outflow winds, however, widespread wetting rain is not expected to accompany the storm. This morning wind gusts in higher elevations have already been as high as 40 mph. If storms and winds materialize, this could generate sudden increases in fire behavior.

Once again firefighters are working alongside the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The unified group continued to secure line on both the Snag Fire and Boulder Fire.

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

- Yesterday, firefighters found an opportunity to build some direct fire line on the northeast side of the fire, and crews made good progress working to tie fire line into the Le John Rd.
- As opportunities arise, crews will implement strategic burning operations to clean up pockets of unburned fuels.
- Yesterday, firefighters constructed more fire line around structures and this work will continue today.
- Chipping operations are taking place near the southeast end of the Boulder Fire.
- Night shift remains staffed, and crews are patrolling and mopping up areas of heat.

Dollar Fire:

- Not much growth has occurred here. Crews are monitoring the area around Square Top and will continue to assess whether further action is needed.

Snag Fire:

- 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 (<https://www.co.valley.id.us/EscortRequest>). Remember firefighters are still working along this road.
- Operational functions are the same today as yesterday along the western edge of the fire, with crews still improving the edge, and suppression repair has begun in the southwest section.
- There is an interior green island burning in the northeast corner of the fire; this will likely remain active today.
- The land around the Fish Hatchery is being assessed and plans are in place to protect values in this area if needed.
- Chipping operations and mop-up are taking place along Road 409 to the southeast.

Goat Fire:

- The west flank was moderately active yesterday but was kept in check with water drops from aircraft. Fire has crossed over the Middle Fork of the Payette on the southeast side and may soon reach the Road 099 to the west.
- The Goat Fire may continue to burn actively in the coming days. Today could see rapid changes and increases in fire activity if thunderstorms and winds develop.
- Resource advisors are flagging Whitebark Pine, helping crews to identify and protect this threatened species.