



# WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

## Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates

**September 10, 2024**

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

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Fire	Location	Size	Containment	Inciweb Link
Boulder	6 miles SW of Cascade	8,799	24%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv">https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv</a>
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	33,139	15%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu">https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu</a>
Dollar	18 NE of Cascade	4,338	8%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz">https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz</a>
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	21,449	0%	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr">https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr</a>

**Cause:** Lightning (All Fires)      **Total Incident Personnel** 1053

**Special Note:** There will be a **COMMUNITY MEETING TONIGHT** at 7pm at the Cascade Fire Department, 109 E. Pine St., Cascade. Operations and evacuation information will be shared.

Due to the growth of fires and the joining of the Boulder and Lava Fires, containment needs to be reassessed and will be updated as soon as possible.

**EVACUATIONS:** GO evacuations were expanded into Zone 6 yesterday (in addition to Zone 4 and 5) and 7 through 11 and Snag 2 are in SET status. For more: check Valley County Sheriff's Office Facebook or call dispatch at 208-382-5160.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:**

Yesterday's fire behavior was less active than expected, and this was in part due to a change in wind direction that brought more smoke from the Lava Fire, settling over the valley and tampering fire behavior. There was creeping and smoldering with some torching in the more active areas. Today, fire behavior will be contingent on smoke dispersal and wind. If smoke clears out there could be very active fire behavior and growth. An increase in behavior could occur quickly as the inversion lifts. Winds are forecasted to be stronger today, with potential for gusts up to 25 mph.

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH has been issued for tomorrow, Sept 11 for expected thunderstorm activity. These storms could bring rain but also lightning. A cold front will start coming through the area beginning Wednesday, with more significant chance of moisture as the week progresses. Sunday will again bring warmer weather.

**Boulder Fire: "Go," "Set," and "Ready" evacuation orders are in effect. Learn more: [Valley County Sheriff on Facebook](#).**

- During the very active fire day of September 8, the neighboring Lava Fire progressed north and east and joined to the west side of the Boulder Fire. There is a Complex Incident Management Team arriving to assume command of the Lava fire, and decisions around management responsibilities of the two fires will be finalized soon.
- Firefighters are conducting strategic firing operations to the north of the Boulder Fire to help stop fire progression into the Willow Creek and Westside Cascade areas, utilizing both hand ignitions and UAS (unmanned aerial systems). Crews continue to prep structures in this neighborhood and are constructing dozer line to protect homes.
- On the west side of Cascade Lake, the Lava Fire has pushed over the 435 Road toward the Deer Creek Rd. (This is in evacuation zone 6). The fire is beginning to back down the ridge toward the lake. Firefighters from the Boulder Fire are assessing for structure protection options and are removing fuels, constructing dozer line, and placing sprinkler systems near structures.

**Dollar Fire:**

- The Dollar Fire remains in "monitor" status and will be monitored by air.

**Snag Fire:**

- Warm Lake Road area still has some "roll out" activity (burning logs that roll downhill and can start other fires), so firefighters continue to patrol and mop up.
- The east side shows some creeping and smoldering behavior but is overall holding in the old burn scars with little movement. Structure protection continues near the Fish Hatchery and the values in this area.
- Masticators continue working along the 474 Road.

**Goat Fire:**

- On the NW side, the Goat Fire has looped around the old Skunk and East burn scars and is in between the 099 Road and the 417 Road. Fire has not reached the 409 Road.
- Crews are scouting a possible fire line running NW to SE, tying the 409 to the 417. This would create a holding feature if strategic firing operations become necessary to help protect the Horsethief area.
- Structure groups are assessing structures in the Horsethief area and generating protection plans.
- On the NE, the fire has pushed through the drainages and met the old Yellow and Shasta burn scars.