



WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

Boulder, Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



September 11, 2024

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

Email: 2024.Boulder.id@firenet.gov

| Fire | Location | Size | Containment | Inciweb Link |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|---|
| Boulder | 6 miles SW of Cascade | 9,519 | 24% | https://tinyurl.com/ycdfv3tv |
| Snag | 11 miles E of Cascade | 33,139 | 15% | https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu |
| Dollar | 18 NE of Cascade | 4,338 | 8% | https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz |
| Goat | 11 miles SE of Cascade | 25,648 | 0% | https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr |
| Cause: | Lightning (All Fires) | Personnel | | 1012 |

Special Note: Today, we honor the 343 firefighters who lost their lives responding to the Twin Towers during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We honor the 55 military personnel killed in the Pentagon 23 years ago today, and every other life lost or forever changed because of 9-11. NEVER FORGET.

The Southern Area Red Complex Incident Management Team will take command of the Lava Fire and the Boulder Fire on Thursday, September 12 at 6am. Lava Fire Information: PH: 208-384-3266 Email: 2024.Lava@firenet.gov

EVACUATIONS: Please check Valley County Sheriff’s Office Facebook or call dispatch at 208-382-5160.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Today there is a RED FLAG WARNING, 12pm to 9pm due to scattered thunderstorm activity. A cold front moves into the area today, resulting in a shift to westerly winds, cooler temperatures (50s to 60s) and rising humidity. Showers and thunderstorms will likely develop by midday and could bring lightning and gusty, erratic outflow winds. There will be a break mid-afternoon, additional storms expected after 5pm. Storms may be strong with hail. A wetting rain is possible. There will be a reduction in fire behavior overall, with mostly flanking, backing, creeping, and some isolated torching.

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

- Firefighters completed strategic firing operations on the north side of the Boulder Fire.
- A dozer line was completed off the 435 Road around Willow Creek area to help protect the residential area. Structure assessments and preparation are complete here, and engines and firefighters are patrolling this area.
- On the west side of Cascade Lake, the Lava Fire is held up on the ridge, backing down toward the lake. Boulder Fire crews are assessing and preparing structures in the French Creek and God’s Acres areas and have installed sprinkler systems near residences. Firefighters will continue moving northward performing structure assessments.
- On the south side of the fire, crews are chipping debris and patrolling and securing the area.

Dollar Fire:

- The Dollar Fire remains in “monitor” status. Aircraft was not able to fly over the fire yesterday due to smoke.

Snag Fire:

- Roll out (burning logs that roll downhill and can start other fires) is slowly decreasing in the Warm Lake Road area. Firefighters will keep mopping up and securing this area.
- The east side remains hung up in the old burn scars. Firefighters remain near the Fish Hatchery area assessing and preparing structures.
- Mastication is complete on the 474 Road and is now taking place along Bear Creek and Lodge Pole.

Goat Fire:

- The fire remains held up at the 417 Road. Firefighters are scouting for options to construct direct fireline along this northwestern edge of the fire.
- Crews continue preparing the 409 Road and are working to create a dozer line to tie the 409 into the 417. This would create a holding feature if strategic firing operations become necessary to help protect the Horsethief area.
- Structure groups are assessing and preparing structures in the Horsethief area and removing fuels along the Horsethief Rd. as well as other spur roads in the area.