



WEST MOUNTAIN FIRES

Snag, Dollar & Goat Fire Updates



September 13, 2024

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

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Fire	Location	Size	Containment	InciWeb Link
Snag	11 miles E of Cascade	33,244	15%	https://tinyurl.com/4k9dk3mu
Dollar	18 NE of Cascade	4,359	8%	https://tinyurl.com/bef6r3tz
Goat	11 miles SE of Cascade	25,648	0%	https://tinyurl.com/2h4a3dvr

Cause: Lightning (All Fires) **Personnel:** 489

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

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Yesterday, 1/2 to 9/10 of an inch of precipitation fell over the fire area, continuing to subdue fire behavior. A warmer trend begins today, with temperatures from the mid 40s in higher elevations to the mid 60s in lower elevations. Winds should be light with gusts to 10 mph. The warming and drying trend continues over the weekend, with rain returning Monday to Tuesday. Up to 1.5 inches is possible. As for fire behavior, only smoldering is expected today, with very little likelihood for fire growth.

Dollar Fire:

- The Dollar Fire remains unstaffed and in monitor status. Conditions allowing, a recon flight will be flown today to assess the status of the northern edge of the fire. No significant growth is expected.

Snag Fire:

- Firefighters are monitoring the spot on the northeast corner of the fire.
- Crews are mopping up and securing the Warm Lake Rd. and managing some continued rock rollout on the road. Firefighters are also beginning to “backhaul” (remove unneeded equipment) in this area.
- Yesterday, near the southern tip of the Snag Fire, off the 409 Rd, crews were able to burn some hazardous fuels reduction piles. Fire personnel and Army crews from the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion based at Joint Base Lewis McChord worked together to accomplish these pile burning tasks.
- On the southwest side of the Snag, fire managers are scouting for more areas to improve roads and build indirect line around the Horsethief area.
- On the east side, firefighters continue with preparing structures in the Fish Hatchery and Warm Lake areas.
- Masticators are removing fuels along Bear Creek, Lodgepole Creek, and Rice Creek, and crews are scouting for options for more indirect fireline to the east of the Snag Fire.

Goat Fire:

- Crews are continuing to scout for both indirect and direct line options to limit both northwestern and southernly spread of the Goat fire. Firefighters are assessing whether it is possible to construct direct fireline along the northwest edge of the fire, south of the 409 Road.
- Firefighters are widening the 409 road to make this a larger fuel break.
- A structure protection group remains in the Horsethief Reservoir preparing structures and plumbing the area.