



# Midnight Fire

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest  
Salmon River Ranger District  
Fire Information Line - 208-935-6134

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/idncf-midnight-fire>

**August 7, 2023**

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**Location:** Forest Service Road (FSR) #284 (Elk City Wagon Road) 1 mile east of China Point, 3 miles Northwest of Pilot Knob near Mountain House Site

**Start Date:** 7/10/23    **Cause:** Lightning    **Size:** 179 acres    **Completion/Containment:** 50%

**Total Personnel:** 106    **Engines:** 2    **Dozers:** 2    **Masticators:** 2    **Helicopters:** 0  
**Water Tender:** 2    **Crews:** 1

*\*Some forest resources are not counted in total personnel.*

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

Precipitation has provided relief over the Midnight Fire, its crews and landscape. Containment is now at 50%. Fire managers and personnel continue to assess as periodic lightning occurs over the area.

## **PLANNED ACTIONS**

Crews will continue to monitor and mop up to ensure minimal growth. Heavy equipment continues to construct the contingency line on 1853 Road.

## **WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Showers and thunderstorms will develop between 10 am and noon today. Currently there is 15% of precipitation amounts exceeding flash flood guidance Monday afternoon. New burn scars and small streams will be susceptible to flash flooding in the heaviest, slow-moving showers. Morning patchy fog has been observed in low lying areas in river and stream bottoms. The influx of moisture continues to decrease fire behavior on the Midnight Fire.

## **AIR QUALITY INFORMATION**

For more information on air quality, visit [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov)

## **CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES**

Please travel with caution as dense patches of fog have been observed. Debris may be on roads due to heavy rain and expect slick conditions with mud. There are currently no road closures in place. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area around Peasley Creek Drainage Road if possible due to equipment traffic and poor visibility. Heavy equipment traffic is expected to be heavy along 1853 Road and 648.

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