



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 8, 2023

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: 96 **Engines:** 2 **Dozers:** 2 **Masticators:** 2 **Helicopters:** 0
Water Tender: 2 **Crews:** 1

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

CURRENT SITUATION

No new fire growth has occurred, and containment of the Midnight Fire remains at 50%. Fire managers and personnel continue to patrol the area as periodic lightning has occurred over the past few days. The team is dissembling the Incident Command Post as resources continue to depart.

*This will be the final daily update unless the situation changes. For current information, please go to Inciweb at:
www.inciweb.nwcg.gov

PLANNED ACTIONS

The Wyoming Type 3 team is transitioning with a local Type 4 IC Wednesday August 9th. Fire managers will continue to take appropriate action based on a variety of factors including complexity, fire behavior and weather, safety remains the number one priority. Contingency line work will continue, but due to rain on recent burn scars, crews will also clean fallen rocks, downed trees and keep the roads assessable for safety.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

A very low chance of isolated lightening at the wildfire this afternoon. Otherwise, partly cloudy with afternoon humidity drying only near 50 percent. The influx of moisture continues to decrease fire behavior at the Midnight Fire.

AIR QUALITY INFORMATION

For more information on air quality, visit www.airnow.gov

CLOSURES AND SPECIAL MESSAGES

Wyoming Type 3 IC Blake Creagan and Team would like to extend its thanks to the community, Nez-Perce Tribe, and the Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forest for their support during the Midnight Fire. The team enjoyed learning about the history of this breathtaking forest. The resilience of the land, the forest and community will be valued as the team moves forward.

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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