



CHILCOOT AND RIDGE FIRE UPDATE

Monday, September 4, 2023

Chilcoot Fire:

Size: – 1,762 acres

Containment: 5%

Ridge Fire:

Size – 238 acres

Containment: 72%

Rainfall over the last couple of days has decreased the fire activity. Smoldering and creeping continue in the heavy duff layer under mature timber. Crews are going direct on fire lines where accessible to improve control lines and work with natural resources personnel to improve contingency operations.

As California Incident Management Team 12 transitions operational command to Northwest Team 12, appreciation has been expressed to the crews, agencies and the community for support, collaboration, and incredible teamwork. Operations will continue as planned with containment continuing to grow.

Chilcoot Fire – Solid progress is being made on the western flank of the fire, connecting dozer and control lines with direct line. Firefighters will continue to patrol, mop up and secure this area. Containment around this area is expected to increase significantly within the next few days. Firefighting crews are taking advantage of old roads to access the northeast edge of the fire and will work to tie into the already completed handlines across much of the northern perimeter. Existing roads and control lines continue to be strengthened from the 3806 road to Hipower Creek for direct attack along the fire line.

Ridge Fire – Minimal fire activity allows for firefighters to extend further along the fire perimeter, allowing crews to extinguish burning material. As the containment line grows, resources will be reallocated to the Chilcoot fire.

Weather – Temperatures will remain on the cool side of normal through tomorrow. Today will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs 60-70. Relative humidity 55-65%. Winds: NW 5-10.

Evacuations

No current evacuations.

Closures

- Closure Order (06-15-00-23-475) in the Umpqua NF has been established. The order is effective from Aug 28, 2023 – Dec 1, 2023. For full order go to [Umpqua National Forest - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/land-management/land-use/forest-management/forest-closures/alerts-notices)
- A Closure Order for the Canton Creek area has been issued by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) [Chilcoot Ridge Fire EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER BLM Roseburg District](https://www.blm.gov/press-releases/2023/09/04/chilcoot-ridge-fire-emergency-closure-order-blm-roseburg-district)
- Temporary Flight Restrictions can be found at <https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>

Additional information

- InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/2023-chilcoot-fire-unf>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550481586772>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UmpquaNF/>