

# Chilcoot and Ridge Fires

## NW IMT12 Branch II

### September 10, 2023

#### Daily Fire Update



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**Total personnel:** 627 | **Total Resources:** 20 engines; 16 crews; 5 helicopters; 10 heavy equipment; 9 water tenders

Firefighters have nearly completed several major tasks on these Branch II fires. Equipment backhaul has begun, which is the packaging and removal of supplies and equipment from the fireline. This work can take many days to complete in an organized manner while suppression repair is happening at the same time. The ten pieces of heavy equipment are busy performing a wide range of tasks. This work will continue when the next type 2 incident management team assumes command on Wednesday.

**Chilcoot Fire: Size:** 1,769 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 20%

With the west flank fully contained, firefighters are turning their attention to completing tasks that have been underway for days. This includes dozer line that begins at the 3803 Road, ties in with handline toward the Hipower Bluffs and then runs northward to the 370 Road. Masticators are working along the 3809 Road. The entire length of the north flank from the 3806 Road to the northeast corner now is in patrol status.

**Ridge Fire: Size:** 219 acres | **Start Date:** August 25, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 90%

Moderate overnight recoveries led to significant amounts of smoldering and creeping the last two days. Fire crews will continue mopping up and patrolling the fire perimeter, working to increase mop-up depth across all flanks of the fire. Firefighters continued gridding during the day as they improved the existing line's depth, using infrared imagery to identify remaining heat sources close to containment lines.

**Weather:** The high-pressure system arrived yesterday and brought temperatures slightly warmer than expected. The ridge will break down today and allow some shallow marine air into the region. Today's temperatures will be 73-79 in the valleys and 68-74 on the ridgetops, with west gusts up to 12 mph.

**Closures:** There is a [forest closure](#) for portions of the Umpqua National Forest in response to fire activity in the area to protect public and wildland firefighter safety. 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](#). Effective today, there is a reduced [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) over these fires.

**Chilcoot Fire InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-2023-chilcoot-fire-unf>

**Ridge Fire InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orupf-2023-ridge-fire-unf>

**Chilcoot and Ridge Fire Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/chilcootridgefires2023/>

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