

# Chilcoot Fire

## September 18, 2023

### Daily Update



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**Total personnel:** 503 | **Total Resources:** 13 engines; 12 crews; 7 helicopters; 6 heavy equipment; 8 water tenders

With the decrease in fire activity, new updates for the Chilcoot Fire will be posted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays unless a significant event or situation change warrant more frequent updates.

Northwest Team 6 is managing multiple fires in the area. In addition to the fire listed in this update NW Team 6 is managing the Ridge, Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires on the Umpqua National Forest.

**Chilcoot Fire: Size:** 1,769 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 60%

Firefighters planned a strategic firing operation yesterday along the southern perimeter of the Chilcoot Fire to secure indirect containment lines but not all fuels within the targeted areas were receptive to ignition. Fire managers will continue firing operations on the southern flank as conditions allow. Crews will take advantage of cooler conditions today, targeting areas of heat close to containment lines and utilizing aircraft for water drops to secure containment lines.

Yesterday there was an unauthorized drone intrusion on the Grizzly Fire that resulted in the immediate grounding of all fire aviation resources. Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) are put in place over fire areas to provide for the safety of firefighting resources both on the ground and in the air. Unauthorized drones pose a serious risk to pilot and firefighter safety and impact the effectiveness of fire suppression operations. If you fly, we can't.

**Weather:** A cold front moves through the region today which will bring cooler temperatures and slightly higher relative humidities. Today will be mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming sunny in the afternoon with temperatures in the mid-60s to mid-70s with winds of about 5-9 mph out of the northwest with gusts of 15 mph on the ridges.

**Smoke:** Smoke outlooks are available at <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/467b8c16?>

**Safety and 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](#). There is a [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) over these fires.

Chilcoot Fire Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/orupf-2023-chilcoot-fire-unf>

Ridge Fire Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/orupf-2023-ridge-fire-unf>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chilcootridgefires2023>

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