

Chilcoot Fire

September 20, 2023

Daily Update



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Total personnel: 514 | **Total Resources:** 14 engines; 13 crews; 7 helicopters; 6 heavy equipment; 11 water tenders

Size: 1,912 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 60%

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 also managing the Ridge, Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires on the Umpqua National Forest.

Current Situation: Cooler temperatures have moderated fire behavior on the Chilcoot Fire. The higher humidities discourage fire spread in lighter fuels, most of the fire activity is within seasonally dry heavy dead and down fuels that are not readily impacted by daily humidity changes. With the anticipated shift in wind direction, fire managers remain focused on securing the southern flank. Overhead hazards, such as fire-weakened trees, pose a greater risk to firefighter safety with the change in wind speed and direction. Crews will work to mitigate overhead hazards and continue preparation work along containment lines to remove available fuels from the main fire. Firefighters are prepared to perform strategic ignitions if necessary to slow fire spread. The west and east flanks continue to be patrolled, while firefighters assigned to the northern line will concentrate on mopping up remaining pockets of heat.

Weather: Overnight recoveries were good as cooler temperatures and higher humidities have moved into the fire area. Today will be mostly cloudy with temperatures in the mid-60s. There is a slight chance for showers this morning, but unlikely that any of that precipitation will be measurable. Breezy northwest winds will shift to the north in the afternoon. The exposed ridges on the fire could see sustained winds of 6-10 mph with gusts to 20 mph. The southern flank of the fire, which has been the most active, will likely remain sheltered by the mountainous terrain.

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

Safety and Closures: There is a forest closure <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/Umpqua/alerts-notice> 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): . There is a [Temporary Flight Restriction](#) over these fires. [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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