

Chilcoot Fire

September 22, 2023
Daily Update



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Size: 1,928 acres | **Start Date:** August 24, 2023 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Containment:** 60%
Total personnel: 487 | **Total Resources:** 11 engines; 12 crews; 5 helicopters; 8 heavy equipment;
11 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 also managing the Ridge, Brice Creek, Dinner, and Grizzly Fires on the Umpqua National Forest.

Current Situation: Yesterday, fire personnel were able to conduct small-scale firing operations on the southern flank to connect the remaining sections of indirect containment lines with the main fire. Crews will work to mop-up and secure that line during today's shift. The Chilcoot Fire has largely remained within the same footprint for the last few operational periods, with the increase in acreage attributed to pockets of unburned fuel consuming within established control lines. Resource Advisors (READs) will work to identify and inventory repair and stabilization needs across all divisions, while fire crews begin backhauling excess gear and equipment from contingency lines.

Last night, a crew of firefighters driving back to camp from the fire line became first on scene of a motor vehicle accident east of Glide, OR. The crew requested additional support from a Rapid Extraction Module (REMs Team) that is also assigned to the Chilcoot Fire. Fire personnel were able to notify emergency medical services, provided initial patient care, and prepared the patient for transport until additional help arrived.

Weather: Overnight recoveries were fair as cooler temperatures and higher humidities have moved into the fire area. Today will be mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid-70s. Conditions will remain dry today and into tomorrow, with a highest probability of wetting rain arriving on Sunday. The incoming cold front will bring breezy conditions in the morning becoming 3-8 mph out of the north/northwest with gusts to 14 mph in the afternoon.

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.nwccg.gov/incident-information/orupf-2023-chilcoot-fire-unf>

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

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