



## Wildfire Fact Sheet

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### CHILCOOT FIRE

August 13, 2023

Stanley, Idaho

Fire Name: Chilcoot

Fire Size: approximately five (5) acres

Cause: lightning

Location: two (2) miles northeast of Pistol Lake between Browning and Little Pistol Creeks on the western edge of Middle Fork Ranger District in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The Chilcoot Fire is surrounded by previous fires including the Cascade Complex (2007), Buck (2020), Kiwah (2018), and Pistol Fires (2018).

Fuels: spruce and fir

Planned actions: Firefighter and public safety is the number one priority for the Chilcoot Fire. When the fire was initially sized up, fire managers initiated actions to suppress the fire. Due to the remote location of the fire, the steep and inaccessible terrain along with lack of safe ingress and egress for firefighters, fire managers changed strategy, keeping firefighter safety in mind. Fire managers will be monitoring the fire by remote camera and reconnaissance flights. Values at risk in the area have been identified and trigger points have been established. If a trigger point is reached, additional actions will be taken by firefighters in order to protect those values at risk.

Weather: Cool northerly air flow will bring temperatures down and humidity up for today, but this air flow will become light and variable by Monday as high pressure moves over the Gem State. The light wind and clear skies will cause temperatures to spike upward and afternoon humidity to once again drop in some areas below critical thresholds. A surge of moist unstable air is possible starting mid-week, but more likely at the end of the week.

Fire spread: Fire growth is minimal, the fire is most active on the northern part of the fire, towards the Browning drainage. The fire footprint remained the same from Saturday to Sunday.

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