



Klamath National Forest
Butte Valley National Grassland

Fire information: 530/237-4330 (8am to 8pm)
2022.yeti@firenet.gov
inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8299/

Yeti and Alex Fire Updates

August 4, 8 a.m.

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| Incident Start: Yeti, 7/29/2022 Alex, 7/31/2022 | | Incident type: Wildland Fires |
| Cause: Lightning | | Incident location: Klamath National Forest, California |
| Acres: Yeti, 4,626 Alex, 151 | Percent contained: Yeti, 0 Alex, 0 | Total Personnel (both fires): 802 Crews, 16 Engines, 48 Dozers, 5 Water tenders, 14 Helicopters, 7 |
| First responder injuries: 0 | | First responder fatalities: 0 |
| Structures threatened: 336 | | Structures damaged/destroyed: 0 |

Summary:

High temperatures and lower humidity led to more active fire behavior yesterday. Overnight, the fire held well along the Highway 96 corridor. It continues to back down the hill, with occasional rollout causing short uphill runs. Motorists can expect to see minor torching and single or small groups of trees burning when that happens. While activity in this area picked up yesterday, crews are along the highway to catch any embers that try to push the fire over the river.

On the east side of the fire, crews used favorable nighttime conditions to bring fire down along the Grider Creek Road (Forest road 46N66) removing vegetation from the path of the main fire and strengthening containment. This line will tie into dozer line west of the Pacific Crest Trail.

The fire has been most active on the southwest corner, moving toward China Point. It has not yet reached the China Point Road. Crews are working several ridges to build containment in front of the fire, including south of Joe Miles Creek and Grider Ridge (where it turns due south). During the heat of the day, normal diurnal winds are pushing the fire to the south and southeast, and these lines are being constructed to impede that growth.

While crews are constructing these primary lines, they are also working on secondary lines, prioritizing protection of the communities of Seiad and Happy Camp. This includes lines south from around Thompson Creek down to China Point on the west side of Highway 96, and north of the community of Seiad.

Alex: Crews on the Alex Fire continue to build line directly along the fire's edge. It has not grown for the last 24 hours, and is showing little activity. However, with the predicted heat and low humidity, crews are continuing to strengthen containment lines.

Weather: The weather today is predicted to be hotter and drier even than yesterday, with temperatures rising to above 100 degrees again in the valleys and the mid-90s on ridgetops. Typical diurnal winds are expected. This pattern is anticipated to persist for at least the next several days, with a slight change of thunderstorms re-entering the forecast early next week.

Evacuations:

Evacuations are in effect in the fire area. For information on evacuations, please visit <https://community.zonehaven.com/> To sign up for alerts, including critical evacuation information, please visit <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert>.

Highway 96 remains closed due to the McKinney Fire.

Fire restrictions are in effect on the Klamath National Forest. For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice/>

Information about the McKinney Fire (east of the Yeti Fire along Highway 96) is available at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8287/

###