



# McKINNEY FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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<https://bit.ly/McKinneyFireYouTube>

**Fire Information:** 530-289-8920 or dial 211

**Media Line:** 530-918-8729

**Hours:** 08:00am to 9:00pm

**Email:** 2022.McKinney@firenet.gov

**Incident Website:**

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8287/>

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022/7/29/mckinney-fire>

<https://fs.usda.gov/klamath>

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/>

**Location:** Siskiyou County, CA

**Size:** 60,389 acres

**Percent Contained:** 55 %

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Vegetation:** Timber (Litter and Understory), Tall Grass, and Brush

**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 3,528

**Start Date:** Friday July 29, 2022 at 2:15pm

After 11 days of arduous labor, firefighters have accomplished 55% containment in the McKinney Fire and have constructed initial line around the entire 80-mile fire perimeter. The next step for our fire personnel is to continue to maintain this line by aggressive and thorough mop-up with the intention to gain depth and keep the fire in its existing footprint. Crews continue to patrol and evaluate alternate lines, should the firefighters experience rolling burning material or any spot fires that could challenge their primary line. Fire crews along Scotts Bar and Oak Knoll are starting to assess contingency lines for repair.

Just in time for Smokey Bear's 78th birthday today, the Smokey Fire is now 100% contained for 34 acres burned. Crews continue mop-up by adding depth to the containment line to the extent necessary and are assessing suppression repair needs.

**WEATHER:**

Anticipate high temperatures, reaching up to 100 degrees, in the lower elevations and high 80s in higher elevations. Conditions are expected to be dry with the relative humidity reading 7-8%. Winds from the south / southwest could produce gusts up to 35 mph in high elevations. Large dust devils have been observed and are a hazard to look out for on the fireline from the unstable atmosphere. The fire remains in a red flag warning, keeping fire personnel on high alert for any other initial attacks in the area.

**EVACUATIONS:**

Multiple Evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect. For current updates on evacuations, visit <https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff> and <https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountyOES>. Additional evacuation information and a map can be found on the Zonehaven site at: <https://community.zonehaven.com/>

A shelter has been established at Karuk Wellness Center at 1403 Kahtishraam, Yreka, CA, 96097.

Highway 96 remains closed from Highway 263 to Horse Creek through the fire area.



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## **CURRENT FOREST ORDERS:**

Fire restrictions are in effect on the Klamath National Forest. For more information, visit

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice/>

A forest closure is now in effect for the McKinney, Yeti, and Alex Fires. Please refer to the links below for specific details:

Closure Info: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1047211.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1047211.pdf)

Closure Map: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1047212.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1047212.pdf)

**Pacific Crest Trail Information:** <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures>