



McKINNEY FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE Date: 08/13/2022



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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: 60,392 acres

Percent Contained: 90 %

Cause: Under Investigation

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

Number of Personnel Assigned: 2,420

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

As the McKinney Fire reaches 90% it is easy to think “it’s a wrap”- when in fact firefighters still continue their work on keeping the fire contained in its current footprint, mopping up, and repairing the area from any impacts of firefighting operations. Yesterday crews put in a significant amount of effort in the Fort Jones area on suppression repair work to bring the landscape back to a healthy state after putting in dozer line in the initial stages of the fire to protect communities.

Mop-up continues throughout the perimeter of the fire with the intention to work inwards using a seek and destroy method for any hot spots. Using hose during mop-up operations is how those hot spots are reduced. A water shuttle system has been in place during the McKinney Fire by setting up snap tanks, or portable tanks. These tanks can hold anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 gallons of water, depending on the size. A water tender truck will shuttle to an authorized nearby body of water to fill up, take the water back to the tank, and then use a portable pump to get the water to the hot spots.

Crews will continue to work along Highway 96 to mitigate hazards to themselves and the general public in order to get that area reopened without any driving restrictions as soon as possible. A pilot car is currently in place through the fire area, so drivers should be extra careful when approaching these checkpoints.

The Smokey Fire and the George Fire continue to be patrolled by crews to ensure the fire remains within their containment lines. Both fires remain 100% contained.

WEATHER:

Today will remain consistent with the week so far, hot dry and sunny. Temperatures will be in the low 90s with a gradual warm up into Monday. Humidity expected to read 13-20% and winds will be from the east/ northeast with possible gusts up to 20 mph.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER:

A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be opening at the College of the Siskiyous Rural Health Sciences Institute in Yreka to serve residents impacted by the McKinney Fire. The LAC is a one-stop-shop for recovery assistance. The address is 2001 Campus Drive Yreka, CA. The times of operation are Wednesday August 17, 9 am to 7 pm and Thursday August 18, 9 am to 7 pm.



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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.

Traffic on Highway 96 is limited with piloted traffic between Beaver Creek to Kohl Creek through the fire area.

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-notices/>

An emergency area 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

Closure Map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1047212.pdf

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