



# McKINNEY FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/14/2022

@klamathNF Fire Information: 530-289-8920 or dial 211



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Hours: 08:00am to 9:00pm

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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/>



<https://bit.ly/McKinneyFireYouTube>

**Location:** Siskiyou County, CA

**Size:** 60,392 acres

**Percent Contained:** 95 %

**Cause:** Under Investigation

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

**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 1,870

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

Firefighters remain vigilant as they gain containment on the McKinney Fire. Hot, dry, and windy conditions are increasing, which also increases the potential for new starts. Crews remain prepared to respond to any new fires as they work to repair damage to the land.

Hand crews and engines are focusing on the George Fire, west of the Scott River. Firefighters are strengthening containment line and getting ready to begin suppression repair work in this area.

Firefighters will continue to focus on the small section of fire containment line northeast of Collins Creek, in order to strengthen the line enough to call that area contained.

Additionally, helicopters performed aerial fire suppression operations on a small area within the interior of the fire containment lines, which was putting off smoke. Crews also conducted ground suppression work to extinguish this hot spot. An unmanned aircraft flew several times over this area. While isolated areas of heat from heavier vegetation and burning stumps were located, none of these hot spots posed any threats to containment lines.

Suppression repair work will continue throughout all other areas of the fire. Officials from California Interagency Incident Management Team 2 patrolled Walker Road from Klamath River Road to the spike camp and saw no areas of concern. Crews are continuing to mitigate hazard trees along the roads within the fire area. However, conditions are not favorable enough to allow work along McKinney Creek Road. Crews will address this area when safety allows.

## WEATHER:

Temperatures will continue to increase, with highs in the mid-90s in the valleys and reaching the high 70s to mid-80s on the ridgetops. West/northwest winds are expected to be between 15-18 miles-per-hour with gusts up to 20 mph in the valleys and 25 mph on the ridges.

## 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](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>