



Lightning Complex Fire: August 15, 2022

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Incident Information: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8312/>

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Fire Information Phone: (707) 356-9442 (Hours: 8am-8pm)

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Unified Command: Six Rivers National Forest, CAL FIRE, California Highway Patrol, Trinity County Sheriff, and Humboldt County Sheriff.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Lightning Complex Fire is currently 19,272 acres with 17% containment. 2,045 personnel are assigned to the incident. USFS, CAIIMT 11 and CAL FIRE continue to work closely together in unified command with a full suppression strategy to protect homes and other structures, communities, crucial infrastructure, and important wildlife habitat.

Fire activity was minimal overnight, with occasional spot fires along the southern edges of the Ammon Fire and southeastern edge of the Campbell fire that firefighters quickly contained. Crews completed several successful strategic firing operations and improved control lines using dozers and handlines to remove fuels. All control lines are holding well.

“Last night firefighting crews succeeded in securing more fire line close to communities,” said Incident Commander Chris Fogle. “Some people in the Salyer and Willow Creek areas may be able to return home today.”

Campbell Fire

The Campbell, Bremmer and Waterman Fires have now joined and will be collectively known as the Campbell Fire. Crews have successfully secured the fire lines along the western edge of this fire, protecting Willow Creek, and along the southern edge in the Salyer area. Crews will continue to strengthen fire lines and limit the spread of the main fire to communities and other areas. Crews will hold and continue to improve the control line along Lone Pine Ridge and Waterman Ridge to prevent fire spread into the Hoopa tribal jurisdiction.

Ammon Fire

Firefighting crews continue to improve primary control lines to keep the fire west of the O-6 Road, north of Grouse Creek, and east of the O-1 Road. Today crews will reinforce the holding line along the southeast corner near the Six Road off Ammon Ridge and along the Friday Ridge System near the southwestern edge of the fire.

Weather

Rising temperatures and drier weather are expected to increase fire activity today, especially during the afternoon. Smoke will limit visibility during the morning; winds are expected to pick up in the afternoon. Aerial firefighting support will be deployed when visibility permits.

ROAD CLOSURES

State Routes 299 and 96 are currently open in the Lightning Complex, but may be impacted by fire behavior. Travelers are encouraged to visit <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov> to check for state highway closures.

The following roads leading to evacuation zones have been closed (residents may use these roads to exit only):

- Seeley McIntosh Road between Country Club Road and Campbell Ridge Road
- Campbell Ridge Road from Salyer Heights to Seeley McIntosh Road
- Patterson Road at Raga Hills Road
- Friday Ridge Road at Route 6
- Titlow Hill Road (Route 1) at Horse Mountain Botanical Area

Due to a large presence of fire personnel and machinery working to build containment lines for the Ammon Fire, residents are asked to limit travel on Titlow Hill Road/Route 1 in zones HUM-E052 and HUM-E062 to essential traffic only.

EVACUATIONS

Humboldt County

An **EVACUATION ORDER** has been issued for zone HUM-E063-B, south of Willow Creek. Residents in this zone should evacuate now. There is no immediate threat to Willow Creek proper.

The **EVACUATION ORDER** for Zone HUM-E057 has been downgraded to an **EVACUATION WARNING**. Residents who live in this zone may begin to return home with caution but should remain ready to evacuate again at a moment's notice. Be alert to outstanding dangers upon return, including debris in roadways, gas leaks and hot embers.

An **EVACUATION ORDER** remains in effect for zones: HUM-E032-B, HUM-E056, HUM-E058, HUM-E061, HUM-E063-A, HUM-E063-B, HUM-E077-B, and HUM-E077-C

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Trinity County

The Salyer area has been reduced from Evacuation Orders to Evacuation Warnings with the following exceptions: Campbell Ridge Road from Salyer Heights to Seely Macintosh Road and Galaxy Road will remain under Evacuation Orders. Please be aware of the possibility of falling debris and exercise caution while re-entering the area due to remaining fire activity and emergency personnel.

To find the latest evacuation information go to Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services (<https://humboldt.gov/2383/Current-Emergencies>) or Trinity County Office of Emergency Services (<https://www.trinitycounty.org/OES>). For an interactive map of evacuation zones visit: <https://community.zonehaven.com/>. To sign up for alerts: www.humboldt.gov/alerts.

If you are under an evacuation warning, take the necessary steps to be ready to leave.

EVACUATION CENTER

Trinity Valley Elementary School
730 Highway 96, Willow Creek, CA 95573

ANIMAL EVACUATION CENTER

Hoopa Rodeo Grounds
1767 Pine Creek Rd., Hoopa, CA 95546
Phone: (707) 492-2851

** The Hoopa Rodeo Grounds has several single pens and larger pens for whole herds. Call directly if you need directions or help transporting your large animals. They cannot house sheep, goats, poultry, or small animals, but they can potentially help arrange for temporary foster placement. If you can foster, please reach out regarding your availability and capacity.

ROAD CLOSURES

State Route 299, State Route 96, and Route 1 remain open to through traffic. Residents are encouraged to visit <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> to check for state highway closures. The following roads into evacuation zones have been closed. Residents may still use these roads to travel out of evacuation order zones:

- Horse Linto Creek Road at Saddle Lane
- Country Club Road at Kimtu Bridge
- Friday Ridge Road at Hwy 299

SMOKE

Heavy smoke and strong inversions continue to affect the health of those who are not yet evacuated. Please check <https://www.ncuaqmd.org> for air quality resources.

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