



Klamath National Forest
Butte Valley National Grassland

Forest Service News Release

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Emergency area closure footprint decreased for McKinney and Yeti fires

Yreka, Calif., August 17, 2022—Decreased fire activity and increased containment on the McKinney and Yeti fires have allowed Klamath National Forest officials to decrease the footprint of the emergency area closure that was implemented on August 3rd by nearly 95,000 acres. The new area closure is effective now.

The Forest's goal in shrinking the closure area is to continue to provide for firefighter and public safety while affording users maximum access to public lands.

Fire activities continue around the areas of the closure, and equipment working on fire suppression and suppression repair are moving throughout the updated closure area. The closure affects lands on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll and Salmon/Scott River Ranger Districts of the Klamath National Forest.

The closure restricts going into or being upon National Forest System lands, any National Forest System road or trail, and entering or using any Developed Recreation Site within the McKinney-Yeti Fire Restricted Areas.

Two separate areas are currently covered by this Order. Those areas include the McKinney and Yeti fires, and the surrounding areas that access the fire footprints.

Developed recreation areas that are included in this Order are as follows:

McKinney Fire

- Ash Creek River Access
- Johnson Bar River Access
- Cayuse River Access
- Skeahan Bar River Access
- Blue Heron River Access
- Beaver Creek Campground
- Sarah Totten Campground
- Tree of Heaven Campground
- Brown Bear River Access
- Humbug OHV Recreation Area
- Gottville River Access

Yeti Fire

- Cold Spring Trailhead
- Gordons Ferry River Access
- Grider Creek Campground
- Grider Creek Trailhead

Full details of this Order, including a map, can be viewed at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice/?aid=74764>.

Only fire personnel are allowed to go into or be upon National Forest land within the emergency closure area. It is unsafe for Forest visitors to be near wildfires due to unpredictable changes in wind, rolling fire debris, poor visibility, and narrow roads busy with emergency vehicle traffic. Forest visitors are encouraged to seek alternative destinations. As conditions change, the Klamath National Forest will continue to update this closure area.

Stage One Fire Restrictions remain in effect on the Klamath National Forest. For a full list of fire restrictions and exemptions, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice/?aid=74644> to see the Order.

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The Klamath National Forest & Butte Valley National Grassland cover 1,700,000 acres located in Siskiyou County, California and Jackson County, Oregon. Butte Valley National Grassland is the newest National Grassland and the only one in California. The forest is headquartered in Yreka, CA, and maintains ranger stations in the California communities of Macdoel, Happy Camp, and Fort Jones.

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