



**McKINNEY FIRE
INCIDENT
UPDATE Date:
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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: 95 %

Cause: Under Investigation

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

Number of Personnel Assigned: 1,197

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

The McKinney Fire remains at 95 percent containment. Firefighters continue to make excellent progress with containment along the entire fire perimeter. An Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) flew the area of the fire using infrared to identify the latitude and longitudes of new hot spots. With the help of the UAS, crews are seeking out those areas and continue with full suppression tactics. The suppression repair process carries on in areas of ground surface disturbance. Examples of disturbed surfaces include hand line and dozer lines.

Crews mitigate the impact of erosion by placing water bars throughout the impacted area. Water bars are shallow channels or raised barriers laid diagonally across the surface of a road or trail to direct water off the line and reroute it into the vegetation to absorb. Firefighters monitor islands of unburned fuel that sit well within the interior. Smoke and heat still exist in those green islands. Air operations is supporting firefighters by cooling the heat that still exists.

WEATHER:

Red Flag Warning in effect Wednesday from 12:00 pm through 11:00 pm for dry lightning. Thunderstorm chances have risen to 30% and are possible through the operational period. Chances for wetting rain have risen to 15%. Strong outflow winds up to 50 mph are possible with any thunderstorm. Heat Advisory in effect for afternoon highs in the low to mid 100s. However, cloud cover from thunderstorms may limit heating to below advisory criteria.

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/>

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-notice/>

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/fseprd1053941.pdf

Closure Map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1053892.pdf

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