



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-27-2023 Time: 8:00 p.m.



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Fire Information:

Public Phone: (530) 330-5441

Media Phone: (530) 330-5452

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Email: 2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov

Incident Website: inciweb.wildfire.gov

Size: 19,204 acres

Containment: 29%

Total Personnel: 3,421

People Evacuated: 346

Structures Threatened: 1,609

Structures Destroyed: 9, **Structures Damaged:** 2

Fatalities: 1

Start Date & Time: Wednesday, 8-16-2023, 10:27 a.m.

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: Multiple Locations Across the Forest

Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

Unified Command Agencies: California Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: A virtual public meeting for the Happy Camp Complex will be held on Monday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. Fire personnel will provide an operational overview of the fire situation. The meeting will be live-streamed on Facebook (facebook.com/KlamathNF) and YouTube (youtube.com/@ciimt5). A Facebook account is not necessary to view the meeting.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (5,730 acres, 3%), Swillup (2,147 acres, 0%), Malone (478 acres, 7%), Ufish (1,562 acres, 0%)

The fires on the west side of the Happy Camp Complex were active today. The Malone Fire began to spread to the south, and fire crews began a tactical firing operation to keep the fire from spotting across the indirect containment lines. Crews are firing along Titus Ridge and plan to stop once they reach Titus Peak. The area will be patrolled throughout the night for any areas of concern. The Ufish Fire was also active this afternoon, and a tactical firing operation is planned for this evening.

Across Highway 96, the Elliot Fire spread north and joined the Swillup Fire. Firefighters were able to hold containment lines on the north end of the Swillup Fire. Crews scouted for opportunities west of the fire to construct an indirect fire line. Highway 96 corridor remains a concern due to rolling debris.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,843 acres, 31%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,870 acres, 67%), Lake (199, acres, 5%)

Today, fire crews constructed direct fire lines on the Head Fire. They focused on building fire lines across the west and north flanks and improving the existing fire line on the east side. On the Scott Fire, pockets of vegetation within the interior are still burning, and CAL FIRE resources are working to improve the fire line and monitor Scott River Road. The Den Fire was declared 100% contained today.



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EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders, warnings by visiting: community.zonehaven.com. Siskiyou County residents are encouraged to sign up for rapid emergency notifications using the CodeRED emergency alert system.

<https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert>

An evacuation center has been established at the Kahtishraam Wellness Center, 1403 Kahtishraam, Yreka, CA 95097. Call (530) 340-3539 if you have questions regarding the shelter.

ROAD CONDITIONS: State Route 96 is now open. One-way traffic control remains in place in several areas while crews work to repair damaged infrastructure, remove debris, and stabilize slopes. Delays at the locations with one-way traffic control will be up to 15 minutes. The road will be closed to the public east of Seiad daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to facilitate fire traffic. For the exact locations of where this work is taking place, please use quickmap.dot.ca.gov. County road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays>.

FOREST CLOSURE: Two closure orders have been implemented: Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure, No.05-05-23-06; Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure, No. 05-05-23-07. Please refer to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice> to view the orders and maps.

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION (TFR): A TFR has been established over the fire area. Flight restrictions include the use of drones. The operation of drones under the TFR is prohibited.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL: The Pacific Crest Trail is closed between the Shelly Fork Junction and Seiad as part of an area closure under Forest Order 05-05-23-07. It is suggested that northbound through-hikers exit the trail at Etna Summit and resume northward travel from Seiad.

AIR QUALITY: For information regarding smoke impacts and what you can do to protect yourself, visit: <https://www.airnow.gov/>

For additional information regarding the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>