



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-30-2023 Evening Update



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Size: 23,636 acres
Containment: 43%
Total Personnel: 2,385
People Evacuated: 336
Structures Threatened: 1,609
Structures Destroyed: 9
Structures Damaged: 2
Fatalities: 1

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

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

WEATHER: Cooler temperatures and a chance of precipitation are forecasted for Thursday and Friday on the Happy Camp Complex. The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch from late Thursday night through Friday evening for the Mckinney and Head fire burn areas.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (10,529 acres, 23%), Malone (976 acres, 19%), Ufish (2,731 acres, 0%)

Today, firefighters on the west side of the Happy Camp Complex focused on securing fire lines on all three fires. Fire crews made good progress on the Ufish and Elliot fires where strategic firing operations occurred, strengthening the fire lines protecting the community of Happy Camp. Crews working along Highway 96 continued to mop up and patrol the corridor to ensure the fire line holds. On the Malone Fire crews worked to hold and improve fire lines. Tonight firefighters will work to complete strategic firing.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,940 acres, 61%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 70%), Lake (199, acres, 50%)

Today, firefighters on the Head Fire worked in steep and rugged terrain to build direct hand line along the northern and southern edges of the fire. Helicopters assisted with water drops, supporting crews on the fire line. Crews continued fire line improvement on the Scott and Lake fires. Crews will continue to patrol the fires tonight watching for hot spots near the line.

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



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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 could be up to an hour or more. County road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: 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. View closure orders and maps at: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice

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 the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District Fire and Smoke Information Website at: www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/airpollution/page/fire-and-smoke-information or AirNow.gov

For additional information regarding the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at: Inciweb.wildfire.gov