



# HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-31-2023 Evening Update



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**Size:** 27,161 acres  
**Containment:** 45%  
**Total Personnel:** 2,073  
**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](mailto:2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov)  
**Incident Website:** [inciweb.wildfire.gov](https://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 this evening into Friday on the Happy Camp Complex. A flash flood watch issued by the National Weather Service is now in effect through Friday evening for the McKinney (2022) and Head fire burn areas.

**WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Elliot (11,459 acres, 25%), Ufish (4,651 acres, 3%) Hancock (1,653 acres, 0%)

As of this morning, the Ufish and Malone fires have merged and will now be referred to as the Ufish Fire. Today, firefighters worked to secure the perimeters of the Ufish and Elliot fires to ensure that the fire lines hold, preventing the fires from moving to the north. Tonight, crews will continue to hold and improve the fire lines.

This evening, the Hancock Fire, located southwest of the Elliot Fire, was added to the Happy Camp Complex. Fire managers are assessing the fire and planning suppression efforts.

**EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Head (6,940 acres, 75%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 70%), Lake (199, acres, 55%)

Today, firefighters on the Head, Scott, and Lake fires continued to secure containment lines. Crews are working to complete the last two sections of uncontained fire line on the north and west sides of the Head Fire. Crews will patrol the areas tonight.



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**EVACUATIONS:** View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: [community.zonehaven.com](http://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](http://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 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. Scott River Road is now open with the exception of the area between Mill Creek to Highway 96. County road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: [www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays](http://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](http://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](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/airpollution/page/fire-and-smoke-information) or [AirNow.gov](http://AirNow.gov)

For additional information regarding the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at: [Inciweb.wildfire.gov](http://Inciweb.wildfire.gov)