



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-19-2023 Time: 8:30 p.m.



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Size: 8,409 acres

Containment: 0%

Total Personnel: 1,261

People Evacuated: 751

Structures Threatened: Approximately 643

Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 9

Fatalities: 1

Fire Information:

Phone: (530) 330-5441

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, 10:27am

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: Multiple locations across the Forest

Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

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

CURRENT SITUATION

As more resources arrived and began working on each of the fires in the Happy Camp Complex, firefighters made good progress toward the goal of full suppression. The inversion remained in place until around noon and fire activity remained moderate.

Late this afternoon, a thunderstorm cell moved over the area, creating strong winds near the Elliot, Canyon and Three Creeks Fires by Highway 96 and the Dillon Campground. Bulldozers building line around the fires had to be pulled back while firefighters concentrated on protecting structures along the highway corridor.

Due to the storm, incident resources also helped to support Klamath National Forest operations on a new fire in the Scott Valley and on the Swillup Fire. The Swillup Fire had been in patrol status. With strong winds from the storm, the fire is now actively burning.

This evening, storms continue to move through the area. Little to no precipitation is resulting from the storms, particularly in the Scott River area where the Head, Scott and Gold Fires continue to burn.

The Lake Fire was added to the Happy Camp Complex as of this morning and was estimated at 165 acres with 0% containment. Smoke Jumpers, Hotshot and Hand Crews are now on this fire, using trails and natural features for containment lines, monitoring and managing any slopes over the lines.

A Damage Assessment Team is working to evaluate the damage sustained to structures within the fires. Their assessment is ongoing. As of this evening, there are nine damaged or destroyed structures.

EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders, warnings and evacuation center locations by visiting: community.zonehaven.com

ROAD CLOSURES: View road closures in the vicinity of the Happy Camp Complex on the Caltrans interactive map: quickmap.dot.ca.gov

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



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Fires remain at 0% containment until IR flights can confirm heat and estimated acreage:

- Block - 1/100 acres
- Canyon - 788 acres
- Den Fire - 348 acres
- Elliot - 531 acres
- Gold - 62 acres
- Head - 5,617 acres
- Lake - 475 acres
- Malone – 66 acres
- Scott – 41 acres
- Three Creeks – 158 acres
- Townsend – 80 acres
- Ufish – 243 acres

Resources

- Crews – 30
- Engines – 91
- Dozers – 17
- Water Tenders – 16
- Masticators – 4
- Excavators – 1
- Personnel - 1261