



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-20-2023 Time: 9:30 a.m.



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Size: 8,410 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: California Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit

CURRENT SITUATION

Outflow winds from thunderstorms early in the shift brought very active fire behavior into the overnight burn period. Consistent fire spread was observed in all fuel types. Overnight fire growth was further accentuated by the steep, complex terrain.

The Elliot Fire remained active into the night with precipitation from a thunderstorm slowing fire behavior in the early morning. An evacuation order was initiated in Zone 1301 in the area of Swillup Creek. The fire has reached Highway 96.

Work on the Scott and Gold Fires was going well in the early evening. In the early morning, a thunderstorm cell with high winds and precipitation moved over the fires. They exhibited erratic behavior and for safety, firefighters were pulled off the line until the weather passed.

The Head fire received no precipitation. Firefighters were able to improve containment lines with tactical firing operations on the southeast side early in the evening shift. On the north side of the fire, in the early morning, resources were moved to increase structure protection in the community of Hamburg due to increased fire behavior.

Life and property remain the highest priority for firefighters across all of the fires. Today structure protection is ongoing for the Head and Den Fires, the Scott and Gold Fires, as well as for the Elliot, Three Creeks, and Canyon Fires.

The Malone Fire has been fully lined and is being monitored for any slop-overs. Additional resources have been added to the Ufish Fire and line construction on both north and south perimeters will be worked today.

The Lake Fire is staffed with crews in a spike camp. A mule string will be used to provide supplies.

The Complex continues to receive air support and will be flying when weather and smoke conditions allow. A Unstaffed Aerial System module (UAS-drone) has arrived and will be available to begin work by the night shift.



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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/>

RESOURCES: For information about resources currently working on the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>