



# HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-31-2023 Morning Update



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**Size:** 25,503 acres  
**Containment:** 45%  
**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](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 for today and Friday on the Happy Camp Complex. The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch for late Thursday night through Friday evening for the Mckinney (2022) and Head fire burn areas.

**WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Elliot (11,452 acres, 25%), Ufish (4,651 acres, 3%)

The Ufish and Malone fires have merged and will now be referred to as the Ufish Fire. Last night, strategic firing operations took place on the north end of the Elliot and Ufish fires. Today, firefighters will focus on holding and securing fire lines and continue the strategic firing operation.

**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, 50%)

The Head, Scott, and Lake fires remained in their established containment lines overnight. Today, firefighters will focus on gaining additional containment on the Head and Lake fires and mop up and patrol the Scott Fire.

**EVACUATIONS:** View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: [community.zonehaven.com](https://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](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.



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**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. 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)