



# HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-27-2023 Time: 8:00 a.m.



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### 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)

**Size:** 18,483 acres

**Containment:** 23%

**Total Personnel:** 3,311

**People Evacuated:** 346

**Structures Threatened:** 1,609

**Structures Destroyed:** 9 **Structures Damaged:** 2

**Fatalities:** 1

**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

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING:** A virtual public meeting for the Happy Camp Complex will be held on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Fire personnel will provide an operational overview of the fire situation. The meeting will be live-streamed on Facebook ([facebook.com/Klamath NF](https://facebook.com/KlamathNF)) and YouTube ([youtube.com/@ciimt5](https://youtube.com/@ciimt5)). A Facebook account is not necessary to view the meeting.

A hot and dry weather pattern continues across the area, which has increased fire behavior on most of the fires in the Happy Camp Complex.

**WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Elliot (5,173 acres, 3%), Swillup (2,015 acres, 0%), Malone (451 acres, 7%), Ufish (1,562 acres, 0%)

The fires on the west side of the complex were active last night. The Elliot Fire burned to Highway 96 near Dillon Creek. Last night, a tactical firing operation occurred across the top of the Swillup Fire along the 23 Road. A plan is in place to use the 24 and 19 Roads as an indirect fire line west of the Elliot and Swillup fires. The two fires are expected to grow together today. The Ufish Fire was also active last night, making several intense runs in a stand of trees. Today, firefighters will be watching for spot fires and continue to improve indirect fire lines around the Ufish and Malone fires.

**EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Head (6,844 acres, 35%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 95%), Scott (1,864 acres, 67%), Lake (199, acres, 5%)

Additional resources have been assigned to the Head Fire north and south of Hamburg. Direct line construction at the fire's edge will be the focus of today's operation. The Scott Fire now has a line constructed around most of the fire, and crews will work to improve fire lines and look for hot spots. On the Lake Fire, crews will work to improve constructed fire lines. The Den and Townsend fires are in patrol status.



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**EVACUATIONS:** View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders, 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.

<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.

**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 will be up to 15 minutes. The road will be closed to the public east of Seiad daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to facilitate fire traffic. For the exact locations of where this work is taking place, please use [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov). County Road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: <https://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. Please refer to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices> to view the orders and maps.

**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: <https://www.airnow.gov/>

For additional information regarding the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>