



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-28-2023 Morning Update



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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

Incident Website: inciweb.wildfire.gov

Size: 19,205 acres
Containment: 29%
Total Personnel: 3,421
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 28th 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/KlamathNF) and YouTube (youtube.com/@ciimt5). A Facebook account is not necessary to view the meeting.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (7,877 acres, 2%), Malone (478 acres, 7%), Ufish (1,562 acres, 0%)

The fires on the west side of the Happy Camp Complex remained active overnight. The Elliot and Swillup fires have burned together and will now be known as the Elliot Fire. The Elliott Fire continues to back slowly down towards Highway 96. The north and south flanks of the fire are not expected to move much today. Last night, tactical firing operations were completed on the Malone Fire from the fire's edge to Titus Peak, and on the Ufish Fire from the 16 Road northeast to Buzz Peak. Today, firefighters will continue to hold and improve fire lines.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,844 acres, 35%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,870 acres, 70%), Lake (199, acres, 5%)

Today, direct fire line construction will continue on the Head Fire. The focus is on building fire lines across the west and north flanks, near the community of Hamburg, and improving the existing fire line on the east side. On the Scott Fire, pockets of vegetation within the interior will continue to burn. CAL FIRE resources will work to improve the fire line and monitor Scott River Road.



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EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: 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://www.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-notice> 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/>