



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 8-29-2023 Evening Update



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Size: 22,199 acres
Containment: 37%
Total Personnel: 3,442
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
Incident Website: 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

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: A virtual public meeting for the Happy Camp Complex will be held on Wednesday, August 30th, 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 (9,915 acres, 21%), Malone (741 acres, 15%), Ufish (2,148 acres, 0%)

Strategic firing operations towards Elk Creek were conducted on the Malone Fire today. Tonight, firefighters will focus on holding and securing the fire's south flank. Fire crews worked to maintain fire lines from last night's strategic firing operation on the Ufish Fire. If conditions permit, strategic firing will occur again tonight. The Elliot Fire increased in containment on the east flank along Highway 96, where crews continue to mop up and patrol the corridor. The west flank of the Elliot Fire remains active, and crews are working to establish indirect fire lines.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,935 acres, 61%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 70%), Lake (199, acres, 5%)

Containment increased today on the east side of the Head Fire. Better visibility allowed helicopters to make water drops over the fire, supporting firefighters on the ground. Firefighters will continue to focus on the north and south flanks of the Head fire to protect the community of Hamburg. The Lake Fire also increased in containment today, and crews will continue extinguishing interior pockets of heat tonight. The Scott Fire held within established containment lines, and firefighters will monitor the area. The Townsend Fire is 100 percent contained.



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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 at: <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 could be up to an hour or more. 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/>