



Klamath National Forest
Butte Valley National Grassland

Forest Service News Release

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Klamath National Forest Fire Activity Update – August 22, 2023

Yreka, Calif., August 22, 2023— Once again thunderstorms brought lightning and rain in some places to the Klamath National Forest yesterday. Some showers were heavy, and slides continue to occur. Areas of 96 continue to be impacted as well as National Forest System roads. Motorists should drive with caution. Fire behavior was moderated on some fires due to precipitation and higher humidity.

Three fires were reported from yesterday's lightning. Lookouts remain staffed across the forest and aerial reconnaissance flights continue to occur.

The forest continues to manage fires on all ranger districts:

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll District:

- A new fire, called the Capitan Fire, is near Capitan Mountain in the Siskiyou Wilderness. Smokejumpers are on scene of this fire, which is reported to be approximately 2 acres.
- The Berry Fire is .2 acres near Huckleberry Mountain has line around it.
- The Indy Fire up Independence Creek is near the border of the Marble Mountain Wilderness in the 2021 McCash Fire footprint. It is roughly 1-2 acres and access is difficult. Heli-rappellers are on order.
- The Devils Fire is 2.5 acres near Seiad Low Gap and is contained.
- The Doe Fire, which is 1.5 acres near Doe Peak, is out.
- The Brown Fire is .1 acres and out.
- The Dutch Fire is .1 acres and is out.
- The Intersection Fire is .1 acres and is out.
- The Titus Fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness south of Norcross Campground. It remains at roughly 15 acres with some smoldering at the heel. It is within the 2021 McCash Fire footprint and received significant rain on Tuesday which moderated fire behavior. There are numerous snags, and the fire is in very steep country. It is being monitored by air to evaluate suppression needs.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

- A new fire, called the Titmouse Fire, was reported yesterday near Titmouse Gulch near Little North Fork Trailhead is .5 acres. Resources on scene working to secure it.
- Also reported yesterday, the Hog Fire near Hog Ridge north of Forks of Salmon, is .1 acre and contained.

- The Box Fire, near Box Camp Trailhead is about .5 acre and has line around it.
- The Picayune Fire near Picayune Lake, east of Forks of Salmon, is roughly 1 acre and has line around it. Resources remain on scene securing the fireline and mopping up.
- The Whisky Fire was called in as a small ground fire near Whisky Camp and Spirit Lake in the Marble Mountain Wilderness. A helitack crew is on scene.
- The Grizzly Fire in the Russian Wilderness on Grizzly Peak near Bingham Lake. It is 1.5 acres and contained. Resources remain on scene mopping up.
- The Clear Fire is in the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Clear Lake. It is roughly .1 acre and is out.
- The Shadow Fire is 2 acres in the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Sky High Lakes is out.
- The Boulder Fire is .1 acres near Indian Scotty Campground and is controlled and in patrol status.
- The Henry Fire near Henry Gulch is .1 acre and is out.

Goosenest Ranger District:

- A new fire was reported yesterday near Ball Mountain. The Ball Fire is .25 acres, controlled, and in patrol status.

The Klamath National Forest has issued an emergency closure order for two portions of the forest. The purpose of the closure is to provide for public safety in response to ongoing and increased wildfire activity across the forest, including the Happy Camp Complex. The closure prohibits the public from entering portions of the forest in or near the vicinity of ongoing wildfire activity. The closure order also prohibits the use of roads, trails, and developed recreation sites within the closure. Visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath> for information on these closures.

Fire restrictions are in place on the Klamath National Forest. Campfires are only permitted in developed campgrounds and designated wilderness areas. Area closures are in place for the Happy Camp Complex, effective today. Full descriptions of restrictions and closures are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice>.

Evacuation Orders and Warnings remain in effect. Monitor CodeRED and the Siskiyou County Sheriff Facebook Page for current information.

Closures:

Area closures for the Happy Camp Complex are in place southwest of Happy Camp and northwest of Fort Jones.

Pacific Crest Trail is closed from Etna Summit to the Oregon Border. Hikers and all backpackers are asked to stay off the trail in that area.

Dillon Creek Campground is closed due to proximity to the Elliot Creek Fire.

Highway 96 and the Scott River Road have hard closures.

Information on the Happy Camp Complex can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information//caknf-2023-happy-camp-complex-klamath-nf>

Information on Klamath National Forest fires that are not part of the Happy Camp Complex can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/caknf-2023-klamath-national-forest-august-lightning-fires>

Please obey any evacuation Orders and Warnings that have been issued

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The Klamath National Forest & Butte Valley National Grassland cover 1,700,000 acres located in Siskiyou County, California and Jackson County, Oregon. Butte Valley National Grassland is the newest National Grassland and the only one in California. The forest is headquartered in Yreka, CA, and maintains ranger stations in the California communities of Macdoel, Happy Camp, and Fort Jones.

More information is available at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

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