



Klamath National Forest
Butte Valley National Grassland

Forest Service News Release

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Klamath National Forest Fire Activity Update – August 23, 2023

Yreka, Calif., – Firefighters continue working multiple small fires across the Klamath National Forest not associated with the Happy Camp Complex. Since August 15th, local firefighters have responded to 23 additional fires ranging in size from approximately 0.1 to 15 acres.

Minimal fire behavior occurred across the Klamath National Forest yesterday. Rain and high humidity across much of the eastern portion of the forest contributed to poor burn conditions, allowing firefighters to make progress on many of the fires not included in the Happy Camp Complex. The west side of the forest received much less precipitation; however, higher humidity contributed to moderated fire behavior. Higher temperatures and clear skies will return today, setting the stage for potentially increased fire activity.

Fire officials have declared the following fires out. They will no longer be reported on:
Clear Fire, Doe Fire, Dutch Fire, Henry Fire, Hog Fire, Intersection Fire, and Shadow Fire.

The forest continues to manage fires on all ranger districts:

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll District:

- The Berry Fire near Huckleberry Mountain is approximately 0.2 acres and has line around the perimeter. A reconnaissance flight will take place over this fire today.
- The Capitan Fire near Capitan Mountain is approximately 2 acres and has line around the perimeter.
- The Devils Fire near Seiad Low Gap is approximately 2.5 acres and is controlled.
- The Indy Fire along Independence Creek near the border of the Marble Mountain Wilderness. This fire resides in inaccessible terrain. Fire officials have been unable to locate the exact location due to weather and smoke. A reconnaissance flight will take place to locate this fire today.
- The Titus Fire in the Marble Mountain Wilderness south of Norcross Campground is approximately 15 acres. The fire received significant rain and is smoldering in difficult to reach terrain. A reconnaissance flight will take place over this fire today.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

- The newly reported Uncle Fire near Uncles Lake in the Marble Mountain Wilderness is approximately 0.2 acres with crews enroute.
- The Boulder Fire near Indian Scotty Campground is approximately 0.1 acres and is contained.
- The Box Fire, near Box Camp Trailhead is approximately 0.5 acre and is contained.
- The Grizzly Fire in the Russian Wilderness is approximately 1.5 acres and contained.
- The Picayune Fire near Picayune Lake, east of Forks of Salmon is approximately 1 acre and is contained.
- The Titmouse Fire near Titmouse Gulch near Little North Fork Trailhead is approximately 0.5 acres and is contained.
- The Whiskey Fire near Whiskey Camp and Spirit Lake in the Marble Mountain Wilderness is approximately 0.1 acres and is in patrol status.

Goosenest Ranger District:

- The Ball Fire near Ball Mountain is approximately 0.25 acres and is in patrol status.

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

Forest Closures: 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 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.

- **Happy Camp Ranger District Closure Location:** The closure order extends from Happy Camp south to the Marble Mountain Wilderness boundary at Norcross Recreation Area. The closure continues west along the edge of the Marble Mountain Wilderness to the Siskiyou Wilderness boundary. From there, the closure runs north along the Siskiyou Wilderness, down Clear Creek to Highway 96, and then north back to Happy Camp near Curly Jack Campground.
- **Oak Knoll and Scott River Ranger Districts Closure Area:** The closure order is generally northwest of Scott Valley and includes some of the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Lover's Camp. From the Wilderness boundary, the closure continues along Grider Creek north to Seiad Valley. The closure extends northeast of Seiad Valley to areas north of the Klamath River.
- **A map of the closure order, including specific roads, trails, and recreation sites can be found on the Klamath National Forest Website:**
 - Happy Camp District Closure:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1132183.pdf
 - Oak Knoll and Scott River Districts Closure:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1132187.pdf

The Pacific Crest Trail is closed from Etna Summit to the Oregon border.

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

Highway 96 and the Scott River Road have hard closures.

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

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

Fire Restrictions:

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>

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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