



Klamath National Forest
Butte Valley National Grassland

Forest Service News Release

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Klamath National Forest Fire Activity Update – August 24, 2023

Yreka, Calif. – Firefighters continue making progress on fire suppression efforts across the Klamath National Forest. Eight additional fires have been declared out since yesterday's report, reducing the number of remaining fires down to five out of 23 total reported fires not associated with the Happy Camp Complex. These 23 additional fires have ranged in size from approximately 0.1 to 15 acres.

Higher temperatures and clear skies returned to Northern California yesterday, elevating the potential for increased fire activity. Additionally, a Red Flag Warning has been issued from 5:00 p.m. today through 8:00 a.m. Friday morning for thunderstorms and lightning, increasing the possibility for potential new starts.

Fire officials have declared the following fires out. They will no longer be reported on: Ball Fire, Boulder Fire, Box Fire, Devils Fire, Grizzly Fire, Picayune Fire, Titmouse Fire, and Whiskey Fire

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 it. Crews are mopping up the remaining hotspots.
- 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 the past two days and is smoldering in difficult to reach terrain. A reconnaissance flight will take place over this fire today.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

- The Uncle Fire near Uncles Lake in the Marble Mountain Wilderness. Fire officials have been unable to locate the fire and will continue to verify the accuracy of this report.

Goosenest Ranger District:

- No active fires to report.

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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