

Klamath National Forest Butte Valley National Grassland

Forest Service News Release

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****FINAL UPDATE****

Klamath National Forest Fire Activity Update – August 28, 2023

Yreka, Calif. – Limited visibility and smoky air will prevail across much of Northern California Monday as an inversion layer settles over the Klamath National Forest. Heavy smoke continues to conceal the locations of two unconfirmed and two small, confirmed fires first reported on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District on August 25th. Fire officials will continue searching for and evaluating ways to access these areas to determine suppression needs. Infrared flights are not showing any additional new fires beyond what has already been reported.

This will be the final update from the Klamath National Forest on fires not associated with the Happy Camp Complex unless significant changes to fire activity occur. A brief daily status report of active fires will be posted on the Klamath National Forest Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/KlamathNF/</u>.

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll District:

- The Red Fire was reported south of Red Hill on August 25th. To date, crews have been unable to locate the fire.
- The Vann Fire was reported three miles west of Elbow Springs in the Vann Creek Drainage on August 25th. To date, crews have been unable to locate the fire.
- The Dillon Fire is northwest of the North Fork of Dillon Creek. The acreage is unknown due to heavy smoke from the Elliot Fire. Fire officials are working to identify options to safely access the fire.
- The Donkey Fire is near Pony Peak and adjacent to the Elliot Fire. The acreage is unknown due to smoky conditions. Fire officials are working to identify options to safely access the fire due to its proximity to the Elliot Fire.
- The Berry Fire near Huckleberry Mountain is approximately 0.2 acres. The fire is controlled and in patrol status.
- The Capitan Fire near Capitan Mountain is approximately 2 acres. The fire is controlled and in patrol status.
- The Titus Fire in the Marble Mountain Wilderness south of Norcross Campground is approximately 67 acres. Smokejumpers are working hot spots and implementing a confine and contain strategy. The fire is in a remote area with low probability of continuing to spread due to natural barriers, sparse fuels, and previous burn scars.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

• No active fires to report.

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• No active fires to report.

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

Forest Closures:

- Happy Camp Ranger District Closure Map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1132183.pdf
- Oak Knoll and Scott River Ranger Districts Closure Map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1132187.pdf

The 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.

Highway 96 is open with one-way traffic control. This is subject to change based on current fire conditions. Visit <u>quickmap.dot.ca.gov</u> for the most up-to-date information on road closures.

Klamath National Forest Fire Information: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/caknf-2023-klamath-national-forest-august-lightning-fires</u>

Happy Camp Complex Fire Information: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information//caknf-2023-happy-camp-complex-klamath-nf</u>

Fire Restrictions: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices

Please Obey All Evacuation Orders and Warnings

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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 <u>www.fs.usda.gov/klamath</u>.

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