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Klamath National Forest Fire Activity Morning Update – August 19, 2023

Yreka, Calif., August 19, 2023— The Klamath National Forest continues to manage a number of fires on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll and Salmon/Scott River Ranger Districts:

Happy Camp/Oak Knoll District:

- The Devils Fire is 2.5 acres near Seiad Low Gap and is contained. Firefighters remain on scene mopping up.
- The 5-acre Doe Fire, located near Doe Peak, is controlled and in patrol status.
- 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 was reported as a small fire with low potential and has difficult access. Smoke conditions have prevented helicopter access.
- The Swillup Fire between Pony Peak and Bear Peak roads is .1 acres and contained. Firefighters remain on scene mopping up.
- 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 located in very steep country. It is being monitored by air to evaluate suppression needs.

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District:

- The Shadow Fire continues to hold at about 2 acres in the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Sky High Lakes. Firefighters are continuing to work the fire and it is 95% contained.
- Command of the Lake Fire has been transferred to California Interagency Incident Management Team 5 under the Happy Camp Complex and was last reported to be 165 acres.
- The Boulder Fire is .1 acres near Indian Scotty Campground and is controlled and in patrol status.
- A new fire called the Henry Fire was reported yesterday near Henry Gulch. It was caught at .1 acre and is out.

California Interagency Incident Management Team 5 will be moving their ICP from Klamath National Forest headquarters to Montague.

“We appreciate all of our cooperators, and particularly the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit, for assisting us with aggressive suppression efforts on the Den Fire,” said Klamath National Forest Supervisor Rachel Smith.

Firefighting resources continue to come to the Klamath National Forest to support existing fires and bolster initial attack resources. Aerial firefighting assets are available but have been largely unable to fly due to smoke inversion conditions.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect for scattered thunderstorms and abundant lightning on dry fuels from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. this evening for Siskiyou County/western side of Klamath National Forest. ***Any new fire starts could develop rapidly and erratic outflow winds could gust to 40 mph.***

Evacuation Orders and Warnings remain in effect. Monitor CodeRED and the @SiskiyouCountySheriff for current information.

Closures:

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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