



Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

South Fork Complex Fire

Update

Sunday, August 27, 2023



Fire Information: 530-638-2830, 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

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Current Situation:

3-9 Fire: 1,781 acres with 0% containment
Pilot Fire: 1,057 acres with 64% containment
Pellitreau Fire: 3 acres with 100% containment
Sulphur Fire: 31 acres with 100% containment

25% overall containment for the Complex

People and Equipment:

733 personnel, crews, engines, dozers, water tenders and air support

3-9 Fire The northern portion of the 3-9 Fire has 100% hand line completed around the perimeter. Crews will continue to focus on mopping up and securing the containment line. Along the southern perimeter, crews continue to improve the Berry Summit-Mad River Road, a dozer line, and Road 03N06 to increase and strengthen control lines and limit fire spread to the south into an area of dense snags. Helicopters will continue to support firefighting efforts with water and retardant drops along the southern perimeter. Firefighters continued to work along the northwestern perimeter and have completed hand line down to an indirect paralleling Pilot Creek. They will continue to improve containment lines along Pilot Creek and down to the original containment line that experienced slop-over last Sunday. On the southeast portion of the fire, dozers and excavators are opening road systems in closer proximity to the fire perimeter to encompass spot fires and allow crews opportunity to go direct along the fire perimeter. Firefighters have placed hand line and hose lay completely around spot fires that started on Friday. They will continue to monitor and mop up other spot fires in this area, which currently pose no threat.

Pilot Fire Crews have successfully finished 100% containment line around the perimeter. They continued to focus on mopping up and adding depth. The contingency lines along the eastern flank have been completed to protect Grouse Creek, and chicken wire has been placed to prevent rollout of burned fuels to the east. Fire personnel will continue to secure and mop up the perimeter and improve the contingency lines.

The **Pellitreau Fire** and the **Sulfur Fire** are 100% contained. Crews will continue to mop up the areas and monitor and patrol to ensure fire remains within the containment lines. Most equipment has been pulled from these fires to assist with the Pilot and 3-9 Fires.

Weather: Maximum temperatures are expected to be in the mid- to upper 70s. Minimum relative humidities are expected to be around 24-30%. West-northwest winds are expected to be 4-8 mph with gusts around 14 mph.

Evacuation Warning:

These remain in effect. Please continue to check the Trinity County Wildfire and Evacuation site for up-to-date status and locations: [Trinity County Wildfire and Evacuation Map](#)

Forest Closure: There are new Forest Closure orders for the South Fork Complex Fire that have been posted on the [Shasta-Trinity National Forest website home page](#) and on the [Six Rivers National Forest \(click on Forest Closures\)](#). Please avoid the closed areas.