



## Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

# South Fork Complex Fire

## Update

Monday, August 28, 2023



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

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### Current Situation:

3-9 Fire: 1,816 acres with 1% containment  
Pilot Fire: 1,055 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:

844 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. Fire personnel 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 and continue to assess opportunities to go direct on the fire. Helicopters continue to support firefighting efforts with water and retardant drops in this area. Firefighters continue to improve indirect lines down to and paralleling Pilot Creek. On the eastern portion of the fire, dozers and excavators continue to open up the road systems to access spot fires and allow firefighters opportunity to go direct and monitor and mop up these spot fires. A contingency line is being built along road systems in the south near spot fires that started on Friday.

**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 across the Creek. Fire personnel will continue to place chicken wire, secure and mop up the perimeter, and improve 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 70-75 °F. Minimum relative humidities are expected to be around 35-40%. West-southwest winds in the morning are expected to become northwest in the evening. Winds are expected to be mild in the morning and increase throughout the day, with gusts 15 mph in the evening. On Tuesday morning, winds are expected to be sustained at 10-15 mph with gusts of 30 mph in the evening.

### 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.