



Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

**South Fork Complex Fire
Update**

Thursday, August 24, 2023



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

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Current Situation:

3-9 Fire: 1,430 acres with 0% containment

personnel, crews, engines, dozers, water tenders

Pilot Fire: 913 acres with 26% containment

Pellitreau Fire: 3 acres with 100% containment

Sulphur Fire: 31 acres with 95% containment

20% overall containment for the Complex

People and Equipment:

583

and air support

A Red Flag Warning is in place today from 3 pm to Friday morning at 2 am for potential scattered thunderstorms in Del Norte, North and East Humboldt, Western Siskiyou and Western Trinity Counties. This may result in scattered thunderstorms producing abundant lightning, outflow wind gusts up to 40 mph and a potential for increased fire spread in our fire area.

3-9 Fire Firefighters will be brushing and strengthening the road system along Pilot Creek and on the southwestern area of the 3-9 fire area to improve the road system coming up to the Dan East Trail. Yesterday, firefighters were able to secure the handline on a 30-acre slop-over from Sunday night on the east side. Dozer and handlines have been improved up to the fire's edge. Firefighters were successful in constructing handline along Bear Creek. Dozers and excavators are working to build containment lines to hold the southeastern perimeter. Helicopters are assisting the operation utilizing retardant drops. A mobile retardant base has been established in Hyampom.

Pilot Fire crews have successfully finished constructing handline along the road on the northeastern flank. The contingency lines along the eastern flank have been completed. Crews have been successful with the handline around Grouse Creek, on the eastern portion of the fire line. Operational plans for today continue to be secure and mop up the perimeter of the Pilot Fire and finish the contingency lines.

The **Pellitreau fire** is 100% contained and the **Sulfur fire** has 95% containment. Crews will continue to mop up the area and monitor and patrol to ensure fire remains within the containment lines. Most equipment has been pulled from these fires to assist the Pilot and 3-9 Fires.

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.

