



# HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-1-2023 Evening Update



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**Size:** 27,544 acres  
**Containment:** 51%  
**Total Personnel:** 1,868  
**People Evacuated:** 336  
**Structures Threatened:** 1,609  
**Structures Destroyed:** 9  
**Structures Damaged:** 2  
**Fatalities:** 1

**Fire Information:**  
**Public Phone:** (530) 330-5441  
**Media Phone:** (530) 330-5452  
**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily  
**Email:** [2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov](mailto:2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov)  
**Incident Website:** [inciweb.wildfire.gov](http://inciweb.wildfire.gov)

**Start Date & Time:** Wednesday, 8-16-2023, 10:27 a.m.  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Location:** Multiple Locations Across the Forest  
**Suppression Strategy:** Full Suppression  
**Unified Command Agencies:** California Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit

**HORSE CREEK COMMUNITY MEETING:** A community meeting and fire operations update will be taking place Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at Klamath River Elementary School located at 30438 Walker Road, Horse Creek, CA 96050.

**WEATHER:** Light rain and cool temperatures were experienced on the Happy Camp Complex today. Several lightning strikes were observed in the vicinity of Happy Camp. A flash flood watch issued by the National Weather Service has been extended to September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 p.m. for the McKinney (2022) and Head fire burn areas.

**WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Elliot (11,723 acres, 51%), Ufish (4,849 acres, 9%) Hancock (1,653 acres, 0%)

Today, both the Elliot and Ufish fires held within established fire lines. Hotshot crews will continue working on the southwest side of the Elliot Fire towards Dillon Creek. On the Ufish fire, firefighters are prepping areas of the fire for future strategic firing operations. Tonight, crews will patrol both fires.

Yesterday, the Hancock Fire, located in the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Bear Skull Camp, northwest of Hancock Lake, was added to the Happy Camp Complex. Fire managers are assessing the fire and planning suppression efforts.

**EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT):** Head (6,940 acres, 91%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 89%), Lake (199, acres, 100%)

Firefighters on the east side of the Happy Camp Complex saw minimal fire activity today. The Head fire increased in containment. The Lake Fire is 100 percent contained.



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**EVACUATIONS:** View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: [community.zonehaven.com](http://community.zonehaven.com). Siskiyou County residents are encouraged to sign up for rapid emergency notifications using the CodeRED emergency alert system at: [www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emercyncservices/page/codered-emergency-alert](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emercyncservices/page/codered-emergency-alert)

The evacuation center at Kahtishraam Wellness Center closed today.

The following animal shelter locations will be available in the event of additional evacuations:

Dog Shelter Rescue Ranch Yreka 2216 East Oberlin Road, Yreka CA 96097 Contact: 530-842-0829	Cat Shelter SNIP of Siskiyou County Armory Building 1712 Fairgrounds Rd., Yreka, CA 96097 Contact: 541-531-1086	Livestock Animal Shelter (Horses, pigs, sheep, goats, & birds) Siskiyou Golden Fair 1712 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097 Contact: 530-340-1038
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**ROAD CONDITIONS:** State Route 96 is open. One-way traffic control remains in place in several areas while crews work to repair damaged infrastructure, remove debris, and stabilize slopes. Delays at the locations with one-way traffic control could be up to an hour or more. Scott River Road is open with the exception of the area between Mill Creek to Highway 96. County road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: [www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays)

**FOREST CLOSURE:** Two closure orders have been implemented: Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure, No.05-05-23-06; Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure, No. 05-05-23-07. View closure orders and maps at: [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices)

**TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION (TFR):** A TFR has been established over the fire area. Flight restrictions include the use of drones. The operation of drones under the TFR is prohibited.

**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.

**AIR QUALITY:** For information regarding smoke impacts and what you can do to protect yourself, visit the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District Fire and Smoke Information Website at: [www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/airpollution/page/fire-and-smoke-information](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/airpollution/page/fire-and-smoke-information) or [AirNow.gov](http://AirNow.gov)

For additional information regarding the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at: [Inciweb.wildfire.gov](http://Inciweb.wildfire.gov)