



# HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-2-2023 Evening Update



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**Size:** 27,625 acres  
**Containment:** 51%  
**Total Personnel:** 1,644  
**People Evacuated:** 20  
**Structures Threatened:** 336  
**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

**Incident Commander:** Dustan Mueller, California  
Interagency Incident Management Team 5

**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:** Firefighters experienced cooler temperatures and light rain on the Happy Camp Complex today. A flash flood watch issued by the National Weather Service is in effect until 11 p.m. tonight 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, firefighters on the Elliot Fire scouted locations to build additional fire line on the west side of fire. The fire is holding at Dillon Creek and State Route 96. Crews on the Ufish will continue to improve fire lines for potential future strategic firing operations. Tonight, fire crews will patrol and mop up dozer and hand line to remove any heat discovered.

Clear skies allowed for an aerial reconnaissance flight over the Hancock Fire to assess fire growth and activity. Due to the steep and rugged terrain, smokejumpers will fly into Creek Camp to evaluate the area and values at risk. The Hancock Fire is located in the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Bear Skull Camp, northwest of Hancock Lake.

**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%)

Crews on the Head Fire continued to secure fire line on the last remaining section of the fire. Suppression repair work will be ongoing. The Scott Fire had minimal fire activity today. As of this afternoon, CAL FIRE is no



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longer in unified command on the Happy Camp Complex. The CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit provided support on the Scott Fire. The Lake Fire was declared 100 percent contained last night.

Incident Commander Dustan Mueller would like to thank CAL FIRE Incident Commander Greg Roath, and the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit, for their hard work and commitment while protecting the communities affected by the Happy Camp Complex.

**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/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert)

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** No road work will be performed on State Route 96 through Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 a.m., to allow for holiday travel. Please keep in mind that one-way traffic control will remain in place from 2.8 miles west of Dillon Road to 8.8 miles east of Dillion Road, as this remains in an active fire area for the Elliot Fire. Motorists can expect up to 30-minute delays in this area. 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 CLOSURES:** Two closure orders have been implemented: Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure No. 05-05-23-06 and No. 05-05-23-08. Additionally, fire restrictions remain in place to help minimize the chances of human-caused wildland fires. These restrictions prohibit campfires outside of designated improved recreation areas and wilderness. View closure orders, fire restrictions, 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 now open between the Shelly Fork Junction and Seiad.

**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)