



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-3-2023 Evening Update



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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

Incident Website: inciweb.wildfire.gov

Size: 27,625 acres

Containment: 53%

Total Personnel: 1,306

People Evacuated: 20

Structures Threatened: 336

Structures Destroyed: 9

Structures Damaged: 2

Fatalities: 1

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

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: A virtual public meeting for the Happy Camp Complex will be held on Tuesday, September 5th, at 5:30 p.m. Fire personnel will provide an operational overview of the fire situation. The meeting will be live-streamed on Facebook (facebook.com/KlamathNF) and YouTube (youtube.com/@ciimt5). A Facebook account is not necessary to view the meeting.

WEATHER: Light sporadic showers occurred over the Happy Camp Complex today. Drier and warmer conditions are expected heading into the week.

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

Cooler temperatures and rain have allowed firefighters to make progress on the Happy Camp Complex. Today, firefighters on the Elliot Fire scouted locations to construct fire line on the west side and patrolled the Highway 96 corridor. On the Ufish Fire crews improved existing fire lines and prepped unburned areas for potential strategic firing operations when conditions are favorable. Today, the first ground resources were flown to the Hancock Fire. Two division supervisors and a group of smoke jumpers now on the ground will be joined by a hotshot crew tomorrow. Resources on the Hancock will remain in the fire area and will be supported by mule pack train and helicopter. No significant fire activity is expected tonight for fires on the west side of the Happy Camp Complex. Tonight, crews will mop up, patrol, and secure fire lines.

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, 100%), Lake (199, acres, 100%)

Minimal heat was detected on the Scott and Head fires today. Firefighters continued to secure the last open section of fire line on the west side of the Head Fire. Removal of equipment such as pumps and fire hose from the line has begun. Suppression repair work will be ongoing. As of this morning, the Scott Fire is 100 percent contained.



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EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: 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

ROAD CONDITIONS: No road work will be performed on State Route 96 through Wednesday, September 6th, 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

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-notice

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 or AirNow.gov

For additional information regarding the Happy Camp Complex, please go to the InciWeb page at: Inciweb.wildfire.gov