



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-4-2023 Evening Update



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Size: 28,283 acres
Containment: 55%
Total Personnel: 1,283
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
Incident Website: 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

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING RESCHEDULED : The virtual public meeting previously scheduled for September 5th will now be held on Wednesday, September 6th, 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: Weather was warmer and drier on the Happy Camp Complex today. As the warming trend continues into the week, prevailing winds may bring smoke back into some areas.

Minimal fire activity was observed overall on the complex today due to rain and higher relative humidity over the previous days.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (12,107 acres, 51%), Ufish (5,056 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,720 acres, 0%)

Today, firefighters reinforced fire lines on the Elliot Fire where helicopters assisted with water drops. Crews on the Ufish Fire prepared for strategic firing operations on the west side to hold the fire at State Route 96. This planned action will take place when fuels dry out. Crews and equipment were flown in by helicopter to the Hancock Fire today to develop tactics that support the overall strategy. Tonight, firefighters on the west side of the Happy Camp Complex will patrol fire lines along State Route 96 and respond to calls for service.

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%)

Crews on the Head Fire, worked on securing the remaining section of open fire line today. Hotshot crews are extinguishing heat detected near the line. On the Scott Fire equipment no longer needed on the fire line was removed and will be redeployed to other fires on the complex. Tonight, firefighters will continue to patrol the Head, Scott, and Lake fires.



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EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: <https://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 Dillon 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