



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-5-2023 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: 28,381 acres

Containment: 55%

Total Personnel: 1,358

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 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: A warming and drying trend continued under sunny skies on the Happy Camp Complex today. Temperatures ranged from the 70s on ridge tops to 90 degrees in some lower areas of the complex. As temperatures and fire activity increase this week, prevailing winds may bring smoke back into some areas.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (12,129 acres, 51%), Ufish (5,105 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,738 acres, 21%)

Today, more resources were flown into the Hancock Fire where firefighters have already gained 21 percent containment. A plan is in place to build fire line to stop eastward spread of the fire. On the Elliot Fire, crews near Pony Peak, where satellite imagery has detected the most heat, worked on building more fire line south towards Dillon Creek. Weather conditions on the Ufish Fire were favorable to conduct strategic firing operations on the west side of the fire today. The goal of the operation is to remove dense vegetation to reduce the chance of the fire making a run toward Happy Camp. Tonight, crews on the Ufish and Elliot fires will continue to patrol along the State Route 96 corridor. Minimal fire activity is expected on the west side of the complex tonight.

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

Minimal fire activity was observed on the Head, Scott, and Lake fires today. Crews continued working on the west end of the Head Fire to secure the remaining section of open line. Additional suppression repair teams have been working on the Head Fire. Hot spots were detected within the interior perimeter of the Scott Fire



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today but remain no threat to containment. Most of the firefighters assigned to the Lake Fire hiked out of the area today. The remaining firefighters will leave the area tomorrow. The fire will be patrolled by air.

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 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: All Pacific Crest Trail closures within the Klamath National Forest have been reopened.

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