



# HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-6-2023 Evening Update



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**Size:** 28,381 acres  
**Containment:** 57%  
**Total Personnel:** 1,370  
**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](https://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

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE:** Tomorrow at 7:00 a.m., a transition of command will take place. California Interagency Incident Management Team 5 and Incident Commander Dustan Mueller will transition command of the Happy Camp Complex to Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 2, under the command of Incident Commander Scott Schuster.

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

Firefighters on the Elliot Fire have been successful at preventing the northward spread of the fire towards Happy Camp. The fire is holding at State Route 96 on the east and north towards Clear Creek. Aerial support conducted water drops on the west side of the fire near Pony Peak where crews have seen the most fire activity. Strategic firing operations occurred on the west side of the Ufish Fire today to burn out vegetation between the fire's edge and control lines. Strategic firing also took place on the south side of the Ufish Fire above Titus Creek. More resources were flown into the Hancock fire today. Crews have made progress on holding the fire at Wooley Creek where terrain is extremely steep and difficult to reach.

Tonight, firefighters will continue mop up and patrol along the highway corridor.

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

Today, additional suppression repair work took place on the east side of the Happy Camp Complex. Lingering smoke may still be present in some areas but pose no major threats to containment. All fires on the east side of the complex will continue to be patrolled and observed daily by infrared flights that can detect residual heat on the land.

**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



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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:** 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 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-notice](http://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](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)