



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-1-2023 Morning Update



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Size: 27,161 acres
Containment: 45%
Total Personnel: 2,073
People Evacuated: 336
Structures Threatened: 1,609
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
Unified Command Agencies: California Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit

WEATHER: Cooler temperatures, precipitation, and thunderstorms with lightning are forecasted today on the Happy Camp Complex. A flash flood watch issued by the National Weather Service is in effect through 11 p.m. tonight for the McKinney (2022) and Head fire burn areas.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (11,459 acres, 25%), Ufish (4,651 acres, 3%) Hancock (1,653 acres, 0%)

Last night, the Elliot and Ufish fires held within established fire lines. Today, hotshot crews and dozers will be working on the southwest side of the Elliot Fire near Dillion Creek constructing direct fire line. Firefighters on the Ufish will focus on holding and improving established control lines.

Yesterday, the Hancock Fire, located in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, southeast of the Elliot Fire, was added to the Happy Camp Complex. Fire managers are assessing the fire and planning suppression efforts.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,940 acres, 75%), Block (0.1 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 70%), Lake (199, acres, 55%)

The east side of the Happy Camp Complex had minimal fire activity last night. Today, firefighters will work to complete containment on the north and west sides of the Head Fire. Crews on the Scott and Lake fires continue to hold fires within their current perimeter.



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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/emercyncservices/page/codered-emergency-alert

An evacuation center has been established at the Kahtishraam Wellness Center, 1403 Kahtishraam, Yreka, CA 95097. Call (530) 340-3539 if you have questions regarding the shelter.

ROAD CONDITIONS: State Route 96 is open. One-way traffic control remains in place in several areas while crews work to repair damaged infrastructure, remove debris, and stabilize slopes. Delays at the locations with one-way traffic control could be up to an hour or more. Scott River Road is now open with the exception of the area between Mill Creek to Highway 96. County road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays

FOREST CLOSURE: Two closure orders have been implemented: Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure, No.05-05-23-06; Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure, No. 05-05-23-07. View closure orders 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 closed between the Shelly Fork Junction and Seiad as part of an area closure under Forest Order 05-05-23-07. It is suggested that northbound through-hikers exit the trail at Etna Summit and resume northward travel from 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