





## HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-2-2023 Morning Update



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Size: 27,544 acres
Containment: 51%
Total Personnel: 1,868
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

**HORSE CREEK COMMUNITY MEETING:** A community meeting and fire operations update will be taking place Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at Klamath River Elementary School located at 30438 Walker Road, Horse Creek, CA 96050.

**WEATHER:** Cooler temperatures and a decreased chances of rain are forecasted on the Happy Camp Complex today. A flash flood watch issued by the National Weather Service has been extended through 11 p.m. tonight for the McKinney (2022) and Head fire burn areas.

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

Last night, fires on the west side of the complex received around 1/4" of rain. Today, hotshot crews on the Ufish will take advantage of wet conditions and construct fire line directly on the southern edge of the fire. Firefighters will continue working on the southwest side of the Elliot Fire towards Dillon Creek.

The Hancock Fire, located in the Marble Mountain Wilderness near Bear Skull Camp, northwest of Hancock Lake, was added to the Happy Camp Complex this week. Most of the fire remains in previous burn scars. Clear skies will allow fire managers to fly and assess the fire today. They plan to insert fire crews tomorrow after a day of drying.

**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, 89%), Lake (199, acres, 100%)

Firefighters on the east side of the Happy Camp Complex saw minimal fire activity last night. The remaining priority on the Head Fire remains to increase containment on the west side. The Lake Fire was declared 100 percent contained last night.







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**EVACUATIONS:** View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: <a href="mailto:community.zonehaven.com">community.zonehaven.com</a>. 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

The evacuation center at Kahtishraam Wellness Center closed yesterday.

The following animal shelter locations continue to be available in the event of additional evacuations:

Dog Shelter Rescue Ranch Yreka 2216 East Oberlin Road, Yreka

CA 96097

Contact: 530-842-0829

Cat Shelter SNIP of Siskiyou County Armory Building 1712 Fairgrounds Rd., Yreka, CA

96097

Contact: 541-531-1086

Livestock Animal Shelter (Horses, pigs, sheep, goats, & birds)

Siskiyou Golden Fair

1712 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA

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Contact: 530-340-1038

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** State Route 96 is open. 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 area remains in an active fire area for the Elliot Fire. Motorists can expect up to 30 minute delays. Scott River Road is 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: <a href="https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays">www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays</a>

**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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices">www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices</a>

**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.

**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: <a href="Inciweb.wildfire.gov">Inciweb.wildfire.gov</a>