



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-3-2023 Morning 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: 27,625 acres

Containment: 53%

Total Personnel: 1,644

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

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

WEATHER: Chances of rain and thunderstorms will decrease over the Happy Camp Complex today. Drier and warmer conditions are expected next week.

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

With recent rain over the Happy Camp Complex, firefighters saw minimal fire activity on the west side last night. Today, smokejumpers will be transported by helicopter to the Hancock Fire to evaluate the conditions and values at risk. The fire is burning in the Marble Mountain Wilderness and is most active on the east side. Today, firefighters on the Elliot Fire will continue to scout locations to build additional fire line on the west side of fire. Crews are mopping up along State Route 96. The Ufish continues to hold east of State Route 96 where firefighters are constructing fire line to prevent further spread.

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%)

Firefighters on the Head Fire continued to secure the last open section of fire line. Crews will begin removing equipment such as pumps and fire hose from the line. Suppression repair work will be ongoing. As of this morning, the Scott Fire is 100 percent contained.

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/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert



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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: 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