



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-4-2023 Morning Update



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Size: 28,260 acres
Containment: 55%
Total Personnel: 1,306
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
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
Incident Commander: Dustan Mueller, California
Interagency Incident Management Team 5

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: A virtual public meeting for the Happy Camp Complex will be held on Tuesday, September 5th, 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 forecasted warming trend and dry conditions are expected on the Happy Camp Complex this week. Warmer weather and increased will affect smoke conditions and air quality.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (12,104 acres, 51%), Ufish (5,036 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,720 acres, 0%)

Minimal fire activity was observed on the Happy Camp Complex last night. The Elliot Fire is holding at State Route 96. Today, firefighters will be looking for opportunities to build more fire line on the western edge towards Dillon Creek. Crews on Ufish will be prepping unburned areas for potential strategic firing operations to protect the Highway 96 corridor. The fire is currently holding at Titus Creek. Yesterday, smokejumpers and fire line supervisors were flown to the Hancock Fire to assess and prepare the area to support additional fire crews. Due to the challenging terrain of the fire located in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, firefighters are being supported by aerial resources.

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%)

Today, firefighters will continue to secure the last section of open fire line and the suppression repair work on the Head Fire. Patrol and mop up will be ongoing for both the Scott and Head fires today. Due to progress made in containment on the east side of the Happy Camp Complex, crews will be moving equipment to higher priority areas of the complex. As of yesterday, the Scott Fire is 100 percent contained.



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EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: www.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: 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