Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

South Fork Complex Update

Friday, September 8, 2023

Fire Information: 530-330-5450, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Email: 2023.southforkcomplex@firenet.gov Linktree: linktr.ee/southforkcomplex2023



3-9 Fire: 2,840 acres with 65% containment **Pellitreau Fire:** 3 acres with 100% containment **Pilot Fire:** 1,055 acres with 100% containment **Sulphur Fire:** 31 acres with 100% containment 3,929 acres and 75% overall containment for the South Fork Complex

A total of 648 personnel, crews, air support, engines, dozers, and water tenders support the incident.

<u>3-9 Fire</u> - Fire behavior primarily consists of smoldering with slight flare-up potential as temperatures increase and humidity decreases. Isolated hot spots continue throughout the interior of the fire perimeter. Weather was favorable yesterday allowing crews to make significant progress. Aircraft will continue to support fire suppression efforts today with water dropping missions. Crews will continue mopping up any hot spots with tools and water from hose lays along the lines. Along the eastern flank of the fire, crews continued to make good progress west of the Berry-Summit-Mad River Road and dozers were able to increase the amount of direct line along the fire's perimeter. Firefighters continued to strengthen the containment lines along the northern portion of the fire yesterday. Crews will continue to work diligently to complete the remaining portions of open line and focus on strengthening these lines by mopping up well into the burn area to ensure there is no threat of roll out or escape.

The <u>Pilot Fire</u> is 100% contained. Crews will continue to patrol the fire perimeter to ensure that the fire remains within the containment lines. Suppression repair will continue along the fire perimeter.

The <u>Pellitreau Fire</u> and the <u>Sulfur Fire</u> are 100% contained. Firefighters continue to patrol the fires periodically to ensure fire remains within containment lines.

Weather: A weak disturbance will cross the area to the north resulting in a bit of cloud cover for the area on Friday. Temperatures will continue to increase slowly into the upper 70s. Minimum relative humidities are expected to be in the low to middle 30% range.

Forest Closure: Forest Closure orders for the South Fork Complex Fire continue to be in effect and are posted on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and the Six Rivers National Forest websites. Please avoid closed areas.