



Happy Camp Complex Daily Update

Monday, September 11, 2023



NORTHERN ROCKIES INCIDENT MANGEMENT TEAM 2

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Informational Websites:

<https://bit.ly/FireInformationLinks>

INCIDENT STATISTICS:

Current Size: **29,948 Acres**

Current Containment: **57%**

Start Date: August 14, 2023

Cause: Unknown

Total personnel: 1,193

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:

<https://bit.ly/Siskiyouairquality> or

<https://AirNow.gov>.

Fire Restrictions Fire restrictions remain in place to help minimize the chances of human-caused wildland fires. These restrictions prohibit campfires outside of established recreation areas and wilderness.

<https://bit.ly/KlamathNFAAlertsNotices>

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR). There is a flight restriction over the fire area and drones are also prohibited.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL: All Pacific Crest Trail closures within the Klamath National Forest have been lifted.



WEATHER: The weather today will be slightly cooler and more humid with the arrival of a weak cold front moving through from the north. Temperatures will range from the low 70s on the ridges to the upper 80s in the valleys, with a relative humidity of 20% to 33%. Winds will come from the northwest with the possibility of 10 to 15 mph gusts. Winds will increase from the north/northwest on Tuesday, turning into northeasterly winds starting Thursday. It will start to warm up again on Wednesday and continue to get hotter and drier as the week goes on, potentially increasing fire behavior and smoke production.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (8,971 acres, 51%), Ufish (5,281 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,740 acres, 100%).

Work continues along the State Route 96 corridor. On the Ufish Fire, tactical firing operations using Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS/drone technology) were conducted. These ignitions helped secure the northern horseshoe area of unburned fuel to the fireline along the 96 corridor, which contributed to smoke in the Happy Camp area. These firing operations will continue today if conditions allow.

On the Elliot Fire, crews are continuing to mop up and patrol indirect containment lines around Pony Peak and improving line on the north portion of the fire, while also monitoring for additional spotting. The fire is currently slowly backing down Pony Peak and being monitored by air resources. Aircraft will be ready to respond if necessary. All remaining personnel on the King Fire were extracted yesterday and are being reassigned to other priority areas on the Complex. If smoke conditions allow for proper visibility, the last remaining crew on the Hancock Fire will be extracted today via aircraft.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,942 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (918 acres, 100%), Lake (200, acres, 100%), King (2 acres, 100%)

Suppression repair work and patrolling will continue on the east side of the Happy Camp Complex, along with hazard tree abatement. Lingering smoke may still be present in some areas, but does not pose major threats to containment lines. Some heat was reported on the Head Fire near Sarah Totten Campground, but crews confirmed the line was intact and remains unthreatened. All fires on the east side of the Complex will continue to be patrolled and observed daily by infrared flights to detect residual heat on the land.

Due to the proximity of fires on the Six Rivers Lighting Complex, in combination with Happy Camp Complex fire activity, increased smoke can be expected in Happy Camp, Seiad Valley and surrounding communities. **For more information on the Six Rivers Lightning Complex, go to <http://www.linktr.ee/srffirepio>.**

EVACUATIONS: View current Siskiyou County evacuation orders and warnings by visiting: <https://community.zonehaven.com>. Siskiyou County residents are encouraged to sign up for rapid emergency notifications using the CodeRED emergency alert system at: <https://bit.ly/SiskiyouCodeRedEmergencyAlert>.

CLOSURES AND DELAYS:

- One-way traffic control is possible on Highway 96, 11.7 miles east of Scott River Rd to 13.7 miles east of Scott River Rd and from 0.4 miles west of Scott River Rd to 2.2 miles east of Scott River Rd. Motorists can expect delays in this area. Find more information at <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.
- Two closure orders have been implemented in the Klamath National Forest:. Find more information at <https://bit.ly/KlamathNFAAlertsNotices>.
- As hunting season begins, please be aware of area closures within national forests. Contact local Forest Service offices for specific information.

