



# Happy Camp Complex Daily Update

Tuesday, September 12, 2023



## NORTHERN ROCKIES INCIDENT MANGEMENT TEAM 2

### Information Phone Lines:

Public Phone: (530) 330-5441

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Hours: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

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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: 1,158

**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 remains hot and dry with mostly sunny skies. Smoke and fog in the valley, causing an inversion, will lift in the early afternoon. Northwest winds will be 6 to 12 MPH with gusts up to 20 MPH. A warming and drying trend will begin tomorrow and continue through the weekend. Cooler conditions are anticipated next week.

### Community Meeting

In-person & Virtual via Facebook Live  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

6:00pm

Karuk Tribe People's Center

64236 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Happy Camp, CA

**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) continue today, as conditions allow. These ignitions will continue for the next two days, reducing unburned fuels within the existing fire perimeter.

On the Elliot Fire, crews continue to mop up and patrol indirect containment lines on Forest Road 19, remove hazard trees on the north portion of the fire, and monitor 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. Personnel previously on the Kings & Hancock Fire have been reassigned to other priority areas on the Complex. All crews have been extracted 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. One spot fire, outside the fire perimeter, was contained using helicopters to drop buckets of water. Smoke may still be present in some areas but does not pose major threats to containment lines. 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 fires on the Six Rivers Lightning Complex, the Happy Camp Complex, and additional fire activity occurring as far as the Canadian region, 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.