



Happy Camp Complex Daily Update

Saturday, September 16, 2023



WEATHER: Hot and dry conditions will persist today, with slightly lower temperatures than yesterday. A slow cooling and moistening trend will begin tomorrow as northwest winds develop through the afternoon. There is a slight chance (20%) of afternoon thunderstorms both today and tomorrow.

FIRE BEHAVIOR: Due to prolonged hot and dry weather, backing and flanking fire movement will occur in preheated receptive fuels when aligned with topography. Isolated torching, especially in areas of standing dead fuel, may occur. Firefighters continue to monitor for heat and potential spotting. Due to the chance of thunderstorms, increasing ridgetop winds in the afternoon may increase fire activity.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (12,835 acres, 51%), Ufish (6,754 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,740 acres, 100%).

On the Ufish Fire, low-intensity burning continues in the Titus Creek drainage due to heavy fuels and snags. This area continues to be closely monitored and assessed. On the Elliot Fire, crews are monitoring the Dillon Creek area on the southwest perimeter and continue to reinforce direct line on the north. Hazard tree removal continues along the Highway 96 corridor. Fire crews continue to work with Resource Advisors to determine and implement appropriate suppression repairs.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,942 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 100%), Lake (200, acres, 100%), Kings (2 acres, 100%)

Suppression repair work has been completed on the Scott Fire and continues today on the Head Fire. Clean-up work continues along the Klamath River and hazard tree removal in the Scott Bar corridor is ongoing. All fires on the east side of the Complex continue to be patrolled by air resources, as needed, to detect residual heat in the fire areas.

Due to fires on the Six Rivers Lightning Complex, the Happy Camp Complex, and additional fire activity occurring as far away 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. For more information: <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.

NORTHERN ROCKIES INCIDENT MANGEMENT TEAM 2

Information Phone Lines:

Public Phone: (530) 330-5441

Media Phone: (530) 330-5452

Hours: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Email:

2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov

Informational Websites:

<https://bit.ly/FireInformationLinks>

INCIDENT STATISTICS:

Current Size: **31,316 Acres**

Current Containment: **60%**

Start Date: August 14, 2023

Cause: Unknown

Total personnel: 1,040

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 and wilderness areas.

<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.



