



Happy Camp Complex Daily Update

Monday, September 18, 2023



NORTHERN ROCKIES INCIDENT MANGEMENT TEAM 2

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<https://bit.ly/FireInformationLinks>

INCIDENT STATISTICS:

Current Size: **32,259 Acres**
Current Containment: **70%**
Start Date: August 14, 2023
Cause: Unknown
Total personnel: 982

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.



WEATHER: Slightly cooler conditions with breezy northeast winds are forecast through the week. In the Happy Camp and Scott Bar areas, air quality has been poor and limits visibility for driving and aircraft.

FIRE BEHAVIOR: Minimal fire activity expected, but prepare for increasing winds. Fuels continue to dry out and are ready to burn. The Forest received numerous lightning strikes and so far there are 12 reported fires. The largest fire is approximately 28 acres near Wild Lake. Resources assigned to the fire are assisting with initial attack.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (acres/containment): Elliot (10,017 acres, 52%), UFish (6,545 acres, 38%), Hancock (1,729 acres, 100%).

On the UFish Fire, burnout operations may be necessary to keep fire within established firelines. Crews will continue to improve roads as contingency lines. Crews will continue to patrol and mop-up between Pony Peak, Browns Creek and the Klamath River. Resource Advisors continue to work with crews to determine and implement appropriate suppression repairs.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (acres/containment): Head (6,954 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (918 acres, 100%), Lake (200, acres, 100%), Kings (2 acres, 100%).

All fires on the east side of the Complex continue to be patrolled by infrared flights, as needed, to detect residual heat in the fire areas.

Due to fires on the Happy Camp Complex, the Six Rivers Lightning Complex, Smith River Complex, and 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: A closure order has 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.

DELAYS: One-way traffic control is on Highway 96 at various locations, from 5 miles east of Seiad to the Klamath River. Scott River Road is closed between Highway 96 and Mill Creek Road. Elk Creek Road is closed south of Forest Route 15N10 due to a washout. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed from the junction of Shelly Fork Trail at mile 1611.8 north to Seiad Valley at mile 1657.5. An area closure is in effect between Seiad Valley and Oak Knoll, expanding north to FS12 road and south to Scott River Road. Motorists can expect delays in this area. For more information: <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.