



SMITH RIVER COMPLEX—SOUTH

Incident Update

Date: 9/17/23



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Fire Information: 707-383-9727

Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Incident Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/casrf-smith-river-complex-

Location: Six Rivers National Forest

Size: 92,142 acres

Percent Contained: 58%

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Timber (Litter and Understory) and Brush

Number of Personnel Assigned: 1, 651

Start Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 6:01 PM

CURRENT SITUATION: Firefighters continue to make significant progress toward fire containment. Strategic firing operations were completed yesterday from Idlewild to Washington Flat. From Washington Flat to Little Jones Creek, hand crews and engines mopped up burned areas and reinforced existing fire control lines. Near Siskiyou Fork, the east side of the fire had limited fire growth and minimal fire activity. Hot shots conducted strategic firing operations near Washington Flat along the roadside. Mop up and patrol operations continue around the Hurdy Gurdy Fire, which still has some fire activity occurring on the northwest and southwest corners. Crews are completing a shaded fuel break near Table Mountain. A hazard tree abatement is being conducted along the southeast corner of the fire's edge. Near Coon Creek, patrol and mop up operations are continuing. Moderate fire activity is occurring near Craigs Creek. Fire activity to the west of the fire's footprint is minimal and resources are continuing to mop up the fireline south of French Hill Road. Helicopter water drops continue all around the fire's footprint.

WEATHER: Seasonably mild temperatures persist over the weekend. There will be an increase in relative humidity between 35 to 43 percent and some cloud cover with potentially smoky conditions at lower elevations. Ridge top winds are expected to be light and out of the east four- to six-miles per hour. Isolated thunderstorms to the east near Siskiyou County, but not expected to be near the fire. The inversion is set to lift by noon, which could increase fire activity.

EVACUATIONS: Some Del Norte County evacuation zones remain under either a Level 2 (Get Set) or Level 1 (Get Ready) evacuation order. View the interactive evacuation map online: tinyurl.com/29vv2wpm.

AIR QUALITY: Smoke outlooks with air quality and forecast information are available here: tinyurl.com/258mfms3.

CLOSURES: US 199 in Del Norte County will be fully closed twice daily, Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 11 AM and from 1 PM. to 4 PM. During all open hours, traffic will be one-way and piloted between Madrona and Oregon Mountain Road. Motorists should anticipate delays during all open hours. Caltrans provides information on current highway conditions online (roads.dot.ca.gov), by phone (800-427-7623), and on Facebook (facebook.com/CaltransD1).

Six Rivers National Forest reduced its forest closure order for the Gasquet, Lower Trinity, and Mad River Ranger Districts. The Forks' Boat Launch, Myrtle Beach River Access and Margie's River Access are open for public access. Visit updated closure order at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1139169.pdf.