



Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

South Fork Complex Update

Wednesday, September 6, 2023



Fire Information: 530-638-2830, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Linktree: linktr.ee/southforkcomplex2023

3-9 Fire: 2,840 acres with 35% containment

Pellitreau Fire: 3 acres with 100% containment

Pilot Fire: 1,055 acres with 100% containment

Sulphur Fire: 31 acres with 100% containment

3,929 acres and 70% overall containment for the South Fork Complex

A total of 739 personnel, crews, air support, engines, dozers, and water tenders support the incident.

3-9 Fire - Fire behavior and spread potential will continue to be mostly low today and fuels are moderately dry. Scattered hot spots continue throughout the fire area with more intense heat sources well interior of the fire perimeter. Weather was favorable yesterday and aircraft were active supporting crews with water and retardant drops. Aircraft will continue to support fire suppression efforts today with water dropping missions. Retardant will no longer be needed and the mobile retardant base at the Hyampom Airport will be removed. In the area east of Torrey Corrals, crews completed hand line, tying it in with completed dozer line. They will continue to improve the control lines, mopping up any hot spots with tools and water from hose lays along the lines. Yesterday, firefighters completed control line along the southern perimeter and tied it in with completed dozer line west of the Berry-Summit-Mad River Road (Route 1). Along the eastern flank of the fire, crews continued to make good progress chipping and stacking hazard trees west of the Berry-Summit-Mad River Road and dozers were able to increase the amount of direct line along the fire's perimeter. Firefighters increased the amount of containment line along the northern portion of the fire yesterday. As most of the 3-9 Fire now has either dozer or hand line surrounding it, crews will work diligently to complete the remaining portions of open line and focus on strengthening these lines by mopping up well into the burn area to ensure there is no threat of roll out or escape.

The **Pilot Fire** is 100% contained. Crews are working on mopping up remaining areas with heat in dozer lines and berms. They will continue to patrol the fire perimeter to ensure that the fire remains within the containment lines.

The **Pellitreau Fire** and the **Sulfur Fire** are 100% contained. Firefighters continue to patrol the fires periodically to ensure fire remains within containment lines.

Weather: Patchy morning fog lifting by 10:00 a.m., then becoming sunny. Maximum temperatures are expected to be 69-74 °F and minimum relative humidities are expected to be 38-43%. Winds are predicted to be northwest at 6-10 mph with gusts up to 18 mph on ridgetops and west-southwest at 6-10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph midslope.

Forest Closure: Forest Closure orders for the South Fork Complex Fire continue to be in effect and are posted on the [Shasta-Trinity National Forest](#) and the [Six Rivers National Forest](#) websites. Please avoid closed areas.