



HILL FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE Date: July 23, 2024



@2024HillFire
@CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit

Fire Information: 530-414-9056
Hours: 08:00AM to 8:00PM
Email: 2024.Hill@firenet.gov



@CAIIMT4
@calfireimt2390

Incident Website:
<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/casrf-hill-fire>
<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/7/16/hill-fire>

Location: Humboldt County, CA
Size: 7074 acres
Cause: Under Investigation

Start Date: Monday July 15, 2023, at 5:40 PM
Percent Contained: 8 percent
Personnel: 2156

CURRENT SITUATION:

Favorable weather patterns during the early part of the week allowed firefighters to gain good positioning on the Hill Fire and increase containment to 8%. Tactical firing along Forest Road 6N06 on the eastern boundary of the fire has enabled crews to create as much as 200 feet of depth between the fireline and the primary fire expanding the fire footprint 7074 acres. This strategic approach continued with unmanned aircraft assisting in the evening, further extending the depth.

Crews have successfully connected these firing operations with a combination of dozer and hand lines connecting to Mosquito Creek and the western edge of the fire. Mop-up operations were continued to address remaining hotspots along the fire's perimeter. Control lines in the north and west continued to be monitored, and hotspots eliminated overnight.

With rising temperatures and lower relative humidity expected during the next few days, these proactive operations have positioned crews ahead of the weather change. Structure defense teams remain active to identify potential risks and implement mitigation strategies as part of the larger contingency plan.

Today, with the drier weather and hotter temperatures, fire activity is expected to increase, allowing for the ignition of some areas within the fire perimeter that still have unburned fuel. Crews will be monitoring the west side and patrolling for any hot spots. On the east side, crews will focus on suppressing any remaining hot spots as well as continued tactical firing operations.

WEATHER:

High pressure will peak today with heat approaching 100 and relative humidity near 20 percent in clear valley. Smoke, especially on the east side will generally moderate conditions, but still expect to be hotter and drier than yesterday. Increased lift will help disperse smoke but weak and battling winds switching from south to north will not be favorable to efficient smoke transport. Compressing inversion will bring poorer overnight recoveries to mid-elevations. Despite high pressure at the surface, instability and moisture aloft will bring a slight chance of dry thunderstorms by early Wednesday morning.



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EVACUATIONS:

Evacuation order and warnings remain in effect. For current updates on evacuations, visit <https://www.facebook.com/HumboldtSheriff> and <https://humboldt.gov/2383/Current-Emergencies>.

Conditions are subject to change at any time, visit <https://protect.genasys.com/search> for a full zone description. Sign up for Humboldt Alert emergency notifications at <https://humboldt.gov/2014/Emergency-Notifications>

CLOSURES:

Forest Closure Order currently in effect for the area impacted by the Hill Fire. It is temporarily prohibited to be on any national forest system land, trail, or road within the closure area. To view the closure order and map of closure area visit the following link www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1191963.pdf.

Road closures are currently in place on Friday Ridge Rd. at Forest Service Route 6N06, Friday Ridge Rd. at Forest Route 5N01 and Friday Fridge Rd. at Forest Route 5N04. For updated road closure information, visit protect.genasys.com or humboldtsheriff.org/emergency.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

Forest fire restrictions also went into effect on July 12th. Campfires and stove fires are restricted to those developed areas listed in the forest order located at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1188610.pdf. Smoking, welding, and operating an internal combustion engine also have restrictions in place.