



HILL FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE Date: July 30, 2024



@2024HillFire
@CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit

Fire Information: 530-414-9056
Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM



@CAIIMT4
@calfireimt2390

Email: 2024.Hill@firenet.gov

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: 7224 acres
Cause: Under Investigation

Start Date: Monday July 15, 2024, at 5:40 PM
Percent Contained: 69%
Personnel: 915

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fire crews are diligently working to improve containment of the Hill Fire daily. Last night, hotspots from deep-burning logs were discovered on Sugarloaf Mountain and were promptly extinguished. Crews are also addressing and extinguishing hotspots in other areas as interior smoke decreases and equipment is being backhauled.

Yesterday, with the assistance of Resource Advisors, firefighters enhanced suppression repair efforts to restore the environment to its natural condition. One effective tactic being used is the construction of waterbars. These are dirt berms, 1-2 feet high, placed along firebreaks or roadways to direct water runoff to the surrounding area. Waterbars help minimize erosion and protect natural resources that have been impacted during firefighting operations.

Evacuation orders and warnings have been revised for the Hill Fire. Please see the links below for information on the changes.

This written update will occur every other day, the next written update will be August 1st.

WEATHER:

Marine influence will peak today with some patchy marine fog even possible in low valleys. Highs will struggle to even reach 80, especially on the west side of the fire, with RH solidly above 30 percent. Mostly gentle terrain winds will persist with only a moderate northwest sea breeze in the afternoon. An inversion will quickly return tonight, bringing much poorer RH recoveries to high ridges. Conditions will warm and dry sharply on Wednesday with highs returning to near 90 and RH below 30 percent. Despite a weaker sea breeze, better mixing will slightly enhance terrain-based winds.

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.



HILL FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE Date: July 30, 2024

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.

EVACUATIONS:

Humboldt County: 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>

Trinity County: Evacuation warnings remain in effect. For current updates on evacuations, visit <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064589806351> and <https://www.trinitycounty.org/OES>

Evacuation Center:

For information on assistance available to those displaced by the Hill Fire, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767.)

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services in coordination with the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services and the American Red Cross-Gold Country Region established an Evacuation Center for those impacted by the Hill Fire to receive fire information. The Evacuation Center is located at Trinity Valley Elementary School, 730 CA-96 in Willow Creek. The center is not open to the public, however information on how to request assistance is posted at this location.