



Happy Camp Complex Daily Update

Thursday, September 14, 2023



WEATHER: A warming and drying trend will continue today through Friday, increasing fire behavior. Today, morning winds will be more easterly before shifting to the north during the afternoon hours. This daily wind pattern will persist through Saturday as wind speeds stay low.

FIRE BEHAVIOR: Mostly backing and flanking fire movement with isolated torching will occur due to topography and changes in live fuel moisture, especially in areas of standing dead fuel. The UFish Fire is burning in areas on the landscape with no recorded fire history in the past 100 years. The fuels in recent burn-altered landscapes have a significant amount of light fuels; however, live fuels contain above average fuel moisture, slowing fire spread. Firefighters will continue to monitor for heat and potential spotting.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (12,823 acres, 51%), UFish (6,754 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,740 acres, 100%).

On the UFish Fire, a spot fire was detected along Titus Creek yesterday. Air attack resources were able to respond, and water drops were successful in gaining containment. Today, firefighters on the Elliot Fire continue to reinforce direct line along the north side of the fire. Resource advisors are working with crews to determine and implement appropriate suppression repairs.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,942 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 100%), Lake (200, acres, 100%), King (2 acres, 100%)

Suppression repair work, patrolling, and hazard tree removal on several east-side fires are ongoing. All fires on the east side of the Complex continue to be patrolled and observed by infrared flights, as needed, to detect residual heat in the fire areas. Mop up continues in small areas where heat is detected on the Head Fire.

Due to fires on the Six Rivers Lightning Complex, the Happy Camp Complex, and additional 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 AND DELAYS:

- One-way traffic control is possible on Highway 96, 11.7 miles east of Scott River Rd to 13.7 miles east of Scott River Rd and from 0.4 miles west of Scott River Rd to 2.2 miles east of Scott River Rd. Motorists can expect delays in this area. For more information: <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.
- Two closure orders have 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.

NORTHERN ROCKIES INCIDENT MANGEMENT TEAM 2

Information Phone Lines:

Public Phone: (530) 330-5441

Media Phone: (530) 330-5452

Hours: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Email:

2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov

Informational Websites:

<https://bit.ly/FireInformationLinks>

INCIDENT STATISTICS:

Current Size: **31,032 Acres**

Current Containment: **57%**

Start Date: August 14, 2023

Cause: Unknown

Total personnel: 1,049

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.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL: All Pacific Crest Trail closures within the Klamath National Forest have been lifted.

