



HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-7-2023 Morning Update



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Fire Information:

Public Phone: (530) 330-5441

Media Phone: (530) 330-5452

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Email: 2023.happycampcomplex@firenet.gov

Incident Website: inciweb.wildfire.gov

Size: 28,629 acres

Containment: 57%

Total Personnel: 1,370

People Evacuated: 20

Structures Threatened: 336

Structures Destroyed: 9

Structures Damaged: 2

Fatalities: 1

Start Date & Time: Wednesday, 8-16-2023, 10:27 a.m.

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: Multiple Locations Across the Forest

Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

Incident Commander: Aaron Thompson, Northern Rockies
Complex Incident Management Team 2

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE: As of 7:00 a.m. today, the Happy Camp Complex transitioned to the Northern Rockies Complex Incident Management Team 2, under the command of Incident Commander Scott Schuster.

WEST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Elliot (12,160 acres, 51%), Ufish (5,331 acres, 33%), Hancock (1,738 acres, 21%)

Fire behavior on the Happy Camp Complex was minimal last night. Firefighters on the west side of the complex continued to patrol and mop up, extinguishing hot spots along the State Route 96 corridor. Surrounding communities may see smoke from strategic firing operations that occurred on the west side of the Ufish Fire yesterday evening. If conditions allow, firefighters will continue strategic firing operations today. Crews on the Elliot Fire are observing increased fire behavior on Pony Peak, and firefighters are actively constructing additional fire line south toward Dillion Creek to prevent fire spread. Aerial resources will continue to support the Hancock fire today. Crews continue to make progress on holding the fire at Wooley Creek, where the terrain is extremely steep, difficult, and unsafe to access.

EAST SIDE OVERVIEW (ACRES/CONTAINMENT): Head (6,940 acres, 100%), Townsend (81 acres, 100%), Den (294 acres, 100%), Scott (1,886 acres, 100%), Lake (199, acres, 100%), King (2 acres, 0%)

Today, firefighters, alongside resource advisors, will continue suppression repair work on the east side of the Happy Camp Complex. Lingering smoke may still be present in some areas but does not pose major threats to containment. All fires on the east side of the complex will be patrolled and observed daily by infrared flights that can detect residual heat on the land.

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:

www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/emergencyservices/page/codered-emergency-alert



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ROAD CONDITIONS: One-way traffic control will remain in place on Highway 96 from 2.8 miles west of Dillon Road to 8.8 miles east of Dillon Road, as this remains in an active fire area for the Elliot Fire. Motorists can expect delays in this area. County road closures will be listed on the Siskiyou County Public Works website: www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/page/closures-and-delays

FOREST CLOSURES: Two closure orders have been implemented: Happy Camp Complex Emergency Fire Closure No. 05-05-23-06 and No. 05-05-23-08. Additionally, fire restrictions remain in place to help minimize the chances of human-caused wildland fires. These restrictions prohibit campfires outside of designated improved recreation areas and wilderness. View closure orders, fire restrictions, and maps at: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notice

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION (TFR): A TFR has been established over the fire area. Flight restrictions include the use of drones. The operation of drones under the TFR is prohibited.

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

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: www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/airpollution/page/fire-and-smoke-information or AirNow.gov