Firefighters continue to backhaul hose, tools, and other supplies used during the attack of the McKinney Fire as well as begin restoration and repair of areas disrupted by firefighting operations. The Mill Creek area saw a great amount of heat from the vegetation burning in the area yesterday. The focus of today’s efforts will be on the southern end of the fire.

Hazard trees and other safety concerns along Highway 96 are being assessed and mitigated to safely open up the road to the public as soon as possible. Mop-up operations and securing of containment lines are still in full effect while firefighters ensure nothing will threaten the integrity of those lines. Crews have been flown into the eastern edge of the fire near Clear Creek to patrol. Tuesday’s spot fire near Fish Gulch is holding with constructed line. Throughout the entire fire footprint, some interior areas remain active with smoldering fuels of dead and down timber.

Winds from the west and northwest bring focus to the southeast portion of the fire. The western edge of the fire will benefit from the winds pushing any heat back in towards the black. Fire personnel continue to work to contain the fire within its current footprint.

WEATHER:

Temperatures will be in the low 90s with heat building through the week. Expect temperatures in the 100s by the weekend. Winds will generally be out of the west / northwest. The lower end of the relative humidity will be about 13-20%.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER:

A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be opening at the College of the Siskiyou Rural Health Sciences Institute in Yreka to serve residents impacted by the McKinney Fire. The LAC is a one-stop-shop for recovery assistance. The address is 2001 Campus Drive Yreka, CA. The times of operation are Wednesday August 17, 9 am to 7 pm and Thursday August 18, 9 am to 7 pm.
EVACUATIONS:

Multiple evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect. For current updates on evacuations, visit https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountySheriff and https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouCountyOES

Additional evacuation information and a map can be found on the Zonehaven site at: https://community.zonehaven.com/

A shelter has been established at Karuk Wellness Center at 1403 Kahtishraam, Yreka, CA, 96097.

Highway 96 remains closed through the fire area.

CURRENT FOREST ORDERS:

Fire restrictions are in effect on the Klamath National Forest. For more information, visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices/

An emergency area is now in effect for the McKinney, Yeti, and Alex Fires. Please refer to the links below for specific details:
Closure Info: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1047211.pdf

Pacific Crest Trail Information: https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures