

Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

Fire Information: 530-628-0039, 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

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Monument Fire Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7750

Knob Fire Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7827

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Monument Fire and Knob Fire Evening Update Wednesday, September 8, 2021

MONUMENT FIRE:

Resources: 1,796 personnel, 40 hand crews, 97 engines, 9 helicopters, 46 dozers, 32 water tenders, 15 masticators

Current Situation: The Monument Fire is approximately 198,829 acres and 45 percent contained. Although Wednesday's weather was slightly less hot, dry, and windy than Tuesday's Red Flag conditions, it did not have a correspondingly beneficial effect on fire behavior. The southwest area of the fire was very active west of Hayfork, resulting in the Trinity County Sheriff's Office issuing additional evacuation orders (see below). This evening, when night-shift crews received their briefing, the fire had advanced to Drinkwater Gulch and became established in the headwaters of West Tule Creek. It also spread northwestward from Jud Creek to Halfway Ridge. Southeast of Pasture Gulch, the fire has reached Hayfork Creek in several places. Helicopters assisted firefighters throughout the day with retardant and water drops. To prevent the fire from advancing unimpeded further east toward Hayfork, night-shift crews are prepared to conduct defensive firing operations—if conditions are favorable—from Drinkwater Gulch bridge, south to Butter Creek Road, and approximately 2 miles west along Butter Creek Road.

Further west toward Hyampom, crews successfully held the fire on the east side of Pattison Ridge as it advanced south toward Hayfork Creek in the drainage of West Fork Miners Creek. Throughout the night, firefighters will mop up hotspots and secure the fireline. On the northwest perimeter, the fire spotted to the west side of New River this afternoon. If they can do so safely, crews will attempt to suppress and contain the spot fires tonight. The northern portion of the fire that is burning in the Trinity Alps Wilderness is only moderately active, not making long runs, which is largely due to the high elevation and noncontinuous vegetation. On the northeast side, the fire crossed Backbone Ridge and East Fork North Fork Trinity River in one area north of Barney Gulch. Crews continue to staff that area and are attempting to contain the narrow finger of fire, bringing it back into the primary containment lines.

KNOB FIRE:

Resources: 210 personnel, 6 hand crews, 30 engines, 2 dozers, 2 water tenders

Current Situation: The Knob Fire is approximately 2,421 acres and 92 percent contained. Fire behavior was minimal today, and the main fire did not spot outside containment lines. Crews have been suppressing the fire directly from hand and dozer lines in the northwest corner along Panther Ridge and Bloody Nose Creek. They are steadily containing the fire that is burning in very steep, difficult-to-access terrain. Smoke may be visible near the fire perimeter as pockets of unburned vegetation in the fire's interior continue to burn and periodically flare up. While the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office downgraded the remaining evacuation order to a warning today (see below), it is still possible that embers from the fire's interior could be carried by wind outside containment lines. Therefore, people in the vicinity should remain ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Crews continue to patrol and monitor the fire perimeter at night.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR: Temperatures will be slightly cooler than Tuesday night, but overnight humidity recovery will remain poor. Fire behavior is expected to remain active into the night and with a high potential for spot fires.

MONUMENT FIRE ROAD CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS (Trinity County):

- East of Hyampom: Hyampom Road between Lucky Jeep Trail and Halfway Ridge
- Northeast of Hayfork: Big Creek Road, Barker Valley Road, Barker Creek Road, Carr Creek Road
- West of Junction City: Big French Creek Road, Big Mountain Road, Soldier Creek Road
- A segment of State Route 299 between mile post 7.4 (near Burnt Ranch at Berg Road) and mile post 36.3 (just west of Helena) is open to through traffic and residents on the following schedule: Monday through Sunday, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., an escort vehicle leads traffic through the closure every 1.5 hours. Overnight, from 7 P.M. to 7 A.M., the road is open only to residents with proof of address.

MONUMENT FIRE EVACUATIONS (Trinity County): The following information was taken directly from [Trinity County Sheriff's Office Facebook](#) page. Evacuations can change quickly; if you have questions about evacuation boundaries, call Trinity County Sheriff's Office at 530-623-2611.

- **Order:** Intersection Tule Creek Road at Jesse Road, south along Tule Creek Road to intersection FS Road 31N31, west on Tule Creek Road/FS Road 10 to FS Road 7, west of FS Road 7 along Tule Creek Rd/FS Road 10 to Oak Ridge of Oakridge to FS Road 3N08. All areas along Tule Creek Road/FS Road 10 through Indian Valley. Roads and areas included are Land Acre Road, Mule Lovers Lane, Buck Gulch, Cow Gulch, and Tule Divide.
- **Order:** All areas along Hyampom Road east of Drinkwater Gulch to Cedar Gulch Road, from Cedar Gulch south to Tule Creek Road at Green Gate Road, including all residences on Turkey Track Road, Doctor Lane, Digger Gulch, Shangri La Lane, Green Gate Road, and McAlexander Road
- **Order:** All areas along both sides of Hyampom Road between Lucky Jeep Trail and Drinkwater Gulch, including Fox Lane, Drinkwater Gulch, and Phares Lane
- **Order:** All areas along Hyampom Road between Lucky Jeep Trail and Halfway Ridge
- **Order:** Helena/East Fork Road, Hobo Gulch Road, Big Mountain Road, and Big French Creek Road
- **Warning:** Denny Road east from Ziegler Point Road through Denny to the Trinity Alps Wilderness boundary
- **Warning:** Section of Campbell Ridge Road and Woods Lane near the Trinity River along the Humboldt/Trinity County line
- **Warning:** Canyon Creek Road in Junction City

KNOB FIRE EVACUATIONS (Humboldt County): The following information was taken directly from [Humboldt County Sheriff's Office website](#) and [Humboldt County evacuation map](#). Evacuations can change quickly; if you have questions about evacuation boundaries, call Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at 707-268-2500.

- **Warning:** All areas east of Brushy Mountain Lookout Road/FS Road 6N08A to State Route 299, south of Victor Creek to China Creek
- **Warning:** All areas east of Brushy Mountain Lookout Road/FS Road 6N08A to State Route 299, south of China Creek to the end of FS Road 6N20
- **Warning:** All areas east of Boise Creek to the Humboldt/Trinity County Line, south of the Trinity River to Victor Creek
- **Warning:** All areas east of the Knob Fire perimeter to the Humboldt/Trinity County Line, south of China Creek to Friday Ridge Road
- **Warning:** All areas east of State Route 299 to the Trinity River, south of Butterfly Creek Road to Friday Ridge Road

EVACUATION CENTERS: American Red Cross, California Northwest Chapter, 707-832-5480

- Fireman's Hall Pavilion, 9 Park Street, Fortuna
- First Baptist Church, 1261 Main Street, Weaverville

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (LAC): A LAC will be held at Veteran's Memorial Hall (109 Memorial Drive) in Weaverville this week: Thursday, September 9, and Friday, September 10, from noon to 8 P.M, and Saturday, September 11, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

FOREST CLOSURE: The USDA Forest Service has [temporarily closed](#) all National Forests in California. Direct questions to 707-562-9113 or SM.FS.R5inquiries@usda.gov.