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# Fire Update



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## Orleans Complex Update – August 22, 2017

Incident/Complex	Acres	Percent Contained	Personnel	Crews	Engines	Heli	Mules	Structures Destroyed	Closures
Orleans Complex	8242	51	817	23	27	8	7	No	Yes

**EUREKA, California, August 22, 2017** The Orleans Complex has 19 fires for a total of 8,242 acres. Thirteen fires have been contained. Six fires remain active: the Ukonom at 3,948 acres (52% contained); the Haypress at 2,661 (0% contained); the Burney at 1,297 (0% contained); the Forks at 243 acres (0% containment); the Frank at 27 acres (0% contained); and the Hooligan at 0.1 acres (0% contained). Active fires are being fought using a combination of containment and confinement strategies.

The predominant fire activity in the complex is coming from the Haypress. To the north, the fire has extended beyond the Marble Mountain Wilderness and has moved along the southern portion of Forest Road 13N42. Crews are preparing to conduct tactical firing operations within the next few days to reduce fuels and limit the fire’s rate of spread if it comes out of Haypress drainage, to the west. Near Wooley Creek, fire is backing downhill south toward Fowler Cabin, which has been wrapped with protective material.

A Wildland Fire Module crew in the Wooley Creek area of the Marble Mountain Wilderness continues to work to hold the fire north of the creek. Mule packers have established a temporary camp for the crew and made two deliveries of supplies to support the crew’s logistical needs. For additional information on mule teams, please visit the Inciweb incident site at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5430/38429/>.

Yesterday, the Ukonom Fire slightly increased in size. The Burney, Forks and Frank Fires have had some interior burning, but little or no perimeter growth.

NorCal Team 2 will begin to shadow SoCal Team 3 and will take over management of the complex Thursday at 6:00 am.

Heavy smoke has been blanketing the region for several days due active fires in the Klamath, Six Rivers, and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests and transport of smoke from fires in Oregon. Changing weather conditions will clear out the widespread smoke over the next three days. Heavy smoke will continue in the vicinity of and to the east and north of the active fires. The most affected communities are Happy Camp, Seiad Valley, Scott Valley, and Yreka. Conditions are improving along the Klamath River below Orleans, along the coast, in the Hoopa Valley, and around Weaverville. Information on the health effects of smoke and what you can do to reduce your smoke exposure can be found here <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html>.

For up-to-date Air Quality Advisory Information, the public can call toll-free 1-866-BURN-DAY (1-866-287-6329), or visit the NCUAQMD website [www.ncuaqmd.org](http://www.ncuaqmd.org). For additional information, please contact: North Coast Air Quality Management District 707 L Street, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 443-3093.

Thunderstorms are predicted for this week and may produce swirling winds and dry lightning. As the monsoonal flow moves to the east, it will be followed by a cold front that could shift the wind pattern causing erratic fire behavior.

Bow hunting season is open. Hunters should be aware that firefighting personnel may be conducting suppression activities in hunting areas. Know your target and what lies beyond. Parts of the Forest are closed. Contact your local Ranger Station for current closure information.

The Ten Bear Trailhead leading to the Marble Mountain Wilderness is closed. Hikers wanting to access the wilderness should contact the Orleans District Office (530) 627-3291 or Orleans Complex Fire Information (619) 359-3415 for details on affected trails.

A Temporary Flight Restriction Area (TFR) has been set over the fire area to provide a safe environment for firefighting aviation operations, *"If you fly, we can't."*

A portion of the Happy Camp Ranger District in the vicinity of the Ukonom Fire is closed to public entry for the duration of the fire due to the risks associated with active wildfire. The closure stretches from the bank of the Klamath River east to the Independence Creek Road and includes Ukonom Creek. Please review Klamath National Forest, Emergency Closure order number 17-05-797 for complete details at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5433/37176/>.

Motorists traveling on State Highway 96 are reminded that there will be large amounts of fire traffic. Please drive with caution.

The Six Rivers National Forest remains under fire restrictions to provide for public and resource safety. Details about these restrictions can be found on the forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/srnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/srnf). For more information, smoke forecasts, maps and photographs, please visit the Orleans Complex Inciweb site at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5430/>.

The forest and the many communities located within and near its boundaries, are mutually dependent on one another. This is particularly true in wildfire prevention and suppression, which is a critical function of the Six Rivers' fire and aviation management program. Partnerships with tribes and local community organizations, such as fire safe councils, are crucial for preventing wildfires as well as protecting local communities through treatment of hazardous forest fuels.

Cooperators on the incident include representatives from the Karuk, Yurok and Hoopa Tribes, California Conservation Corps, Siskiyou County Sheriff Department, and Caltrans.

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