



## McCash Fire Update

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7757/>



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Six Rivers National Forest  
[www.fs.usda.gov/srnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/srnf)

Klamath National Forest  
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**STATS:** 93,514 acres | 61% contained  
484 Personnel | 7 Crews | 12 Engines | 4 Dozers | 2 Masticators | 7 Water Tenders | 3 Aircraft

**ORLEANS, Calif.** – California Interagency Incident Management Team 10 assumed command of the fire this morning with Incident Commander Daren Dalrymple. The Incident Command Post has moved to the fire camp already in Happy Camp. The Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team will be leaving today and the fire camp in Orleans will be dismantled and cleaned up.

There is minimal fire activity, primarily in heavy dead and down fuels, and smoldering and creeping in deeper duff and litter. The recent rain that fell over the fire was extremely helpful but will continue to dry out today and tomorrow and smoke may become visible. No perimeter growth is expected, and ground and air resources will monitor.

Fire personnel will patrol, and mop up where needed and continue suppression repair activities with hand crews and excavators. They are working closely with Resource Advisors to restore dozer lines in the fire area and returning the slope back to its natural condition by pulling topsoil and vegetation into the disturbed areas where fireline was constructed.

**COVID-19:** Since the one COVID-19 positive case on August 11, seven more people associated with the McCash Fire have tested positive. Three members of an isolated four-member crew in Happy Camp tested positive and were quarantined. After one person at the Incident Command Post in Orleans tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27, close contacts have been tested daily. Three days ago, one of those contacts also tested positive for COVID-19, and two days ago two more close contacts in the same team tested positive. Daily testing provided the information needed to identify those positive cases, isolate them, and give people with the care they need. COVID-19 precautions and mitigations remain a high priority on this incident. All personnel connected to the fire are stringently following federal, state, and local guidance. Firefighter safety and public safety are our highest priorities.

**Closures:** Forest closures are in effect for the fire area. Please respect the fire closure for your safety and firefighter safety. For more information and maps of the closed areas, see: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7757/66325/> or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/klamath/alerts-notices> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notices>

**Evacuations:** Siskiyou County has lifted McCash Fire Evacuation Warnings for the following areas: Along Highway 96 south of Ukonom Creek, East of Somes Bar near Steinacher Creek, Marble Mountain Wilderness Area near Hell Hole Ridge, South Fork Wooley Creek, Canyon Creek, Tompkins Creek, Grider Ridge, East Fork Elk Creek area, Titus Creek, Clear Creek, and Dillon Creek. See a map at: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/evacuations>

**Smoke and air quality:** Get the latest updates on air quality and the smoke forecast here: <https://www.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/CaliforniaNorthCoast> Also see: <https://fire.airnow.gov/> for regional smoke conditions and <https://www.epa.gov/smoke-ready-toolbox-wildfires> for tips on how to avoid the effects of smoke.

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