



## Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

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Monument Fire Website: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7750](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7750)

Knob Fire Website: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7827](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7827)

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### Monument Fire and Knob Fire Evening Update Monday, September 6, 2021

#### MONUMENT FIRE:

**Resources:** 2,466 personnel, 35 hand crews, 164 engines, 4 helicopters, 45 dozers, 36 water tenders, 15 masticators

**Current Situation:** The Monument Fire is approximately 184,142 acres and 41% contained. Two areas of the fire remain active: the north side, which is primarily in the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area, and the southwest side, which is east of Hyampom. While suppression efforts are being implemented to protect the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area, the Trinity Wild and Scenic River, Inventoried Roadless areas, and endangered species habitat, the highest priority remains the southwest side. Numerous resources are positioned near Hyampom to protect structures and make every effort to halt the fire's southward advance toward Hayfork Creek and Hyampom Road.

On Sunday, hotshot crews initiated a multi-day firing operation east of Hyampom as a tactic to slow the fire's spread southward and westward. Crews are conducting the firing operations in two areas: along Pattison Ridge and on the ridge north of James Creek, east of Nine-Mile Bridge. On Monday afternoon, the fire progressed downslope toward James Creek and Hyampom Road at a moderate pace. It reached Hyampom Road at a couple points east of Nine-Mile Bridge where crews were in position to hold the fire north of the road. However, as weather conditions worsened late afternoon, the fire spotted south of Hyampom Road in approximately eight locations. Firefighters were able to suppress and contain most of the spot fires, but one became established south of Nine-Mile Bridge and advanced upslope. Initial estimates are that the spot fire south of Hyampom Road is approximately 80 acres. Skies adequately cleared Monday afternoon, allowing two helicopters to assist ground crews with water drops. Firefighters also have a mobile retardant base near Hyampom that is operational and ready to support them should retardant be needed as a fire-suppression tool. The active southwest area of the fire will be the priority for crews working through the night.

On the northern perimeter, the fire was active in Big French Creek. On the northeast side, aerial observers confirmed that the fire remains west of the North Fork Trinity River and Backbone Ridge. Resources continued to clear and widen handlines constructed along Backbone Ridge. Contained fireline elsewhere around the fire perimeter continues to be monitored and patrolled.

#### KNOB FIRE:

**Resources:** 229 personnel, 7 hand crews, 30 engines, 2 dozers, 2 water tenders

**Current Situation:** The Knob Fire is approximately 2,414 acres and 89% contained. Despite today's very hot, dry conditions, crews observed minimal fire behavior, limited primarily to isolated, low-intensity surface fire well within containment lines on the east, south, and west sides of the fire. Although uncontained, the fireline on the north side is holding, and crews are methodically extinguishing all hotspots they discover within 300 feet of the perimeter. Crews will vigilantly monitor and patrol the fire's perimeter overnight, allowing them to quickly respond should the fire threaten the containment lines.

**WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Poor overnight humidity recovery and extremely dry, hot weather will persist through Tuesday. Such conditions, combined with tomorrow's anticipated gusty winds, have led incident meteorologists to issue a local red flag warning that will be in effect Tuesday from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Incident fire-behavior analysts have cautioned fire managers and crews that Tuesday's atmospheric instability; hot, dry weather; winds aligning with topography; and dry vegetation could result in moderate to extreme fire behavior. For example, increased lofting of embers leading to long-range spotting and crown fire, particularly on the fire's north side, are possible.

**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.

**KNOB FIRE ROAD CLOSURES (Humboldt County):**

- China Creek Road at Hodgson Road
- Friday Ridge Road
- Panther Road

**MONUMENT FIRE EVACUATIONS (Trinity County):**

- **Order:** 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 Area 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
- Trinity County evacuation information: [Trinity County Sheriff's Office Facebook](#), 530-623-2611

**KNOB FIRE EVACUATIONS (Humboldt County):**

- **Order:** Areas east of Brushy Mountain Lookout Road/FS Road 6N08A to State Route 299, south of Victor Creek to China Creek
- **Order:** Areas east of Brushy Mountain Lookout Road/FS Road 6N08A to the eastern perimeter of the Knob Fire south of China Creek to Friday Ridge Road
- **Order:** Areas east of Brushy Mountain Lookout Road/FS 6N08A to the South Fork Trinity River, south of Friday Ridge Road to the end of the FS Road 6N20
- **Warning:** Areas of Boise Creek to the Humboldt/Trinity County line, south of the Trinity River to Victor Creek
- **Warning:** Areas east of State Route 299 to the Humboldt/Trinity County line, south of Victor Creek to China Creek
- **Warning:** Areas east of the Knob Fire perimeter to the Humboldt/Trinity County line, south of China Creek to Friday Ridge Road
- Humboldt County evacuation information: [humboldtsheriff.org](http://humboldtsheriff.org), [tinyurl.com/humcoevacmap](http://tinyurl.com/humcoevacmap), 707-268-2500

**EVACUATION CENTERS:**

- McKinleyville Seventh Day Adventist, 1200 Central Avenue, McKinleyville
- Fireman's Hall Pavilion, 9 Park Street, Fortuna
- American Red Cross, California Northwest Chapter, 707-832-5480

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