



FORT COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION

10 August 2012 Numerous small fires were started by lightning strikes from a cell moving through the Siskiyou Mountains on August 5. The following fires remain: the Goff in the Klamath National Forest, and the Lick and the Hello fires in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The Hello fire is in the Red Buttes Wilderness. All three fires are in steep terrain with difficult access. These fires are currently being managed as a complex for both Forests by the Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team One.

All fires are being suppressed with available resources. Currently hand crews are working on strategic line construction complimented with helicopter water-drops. Dangerous conditions for firefighters include large burning logs rolling downhill and torching snags. Fires may increase in size in order to reach defensible and firefighter-safe terrain. Minimum impact fire suppression tactics will be used in the wilderness area to keep the land as close to pre-fire condition as possible.

Summer weather conditions are becoming hotter and drier. The number and size of large wild fires in the western states are significantly stretching fire fighting capabilities. Forest visitors are urged to be extra careful to help minimize the risk of new fire starts.

Fire	Forest	Size	Containment
Goff	Klamath – Happy Camp Oak Knolls Ranger District	246	0%
Lick	Rogue River-Siskiyou – Siskiyou Mountain Ranger District	175	10%
Hello	Rogue River-Siskiyou – Siskiyou Mountain Ranger District	295	5%

Weather: Temps 87-93 degrees, clear and sunny with patchy smoke; humidity 15 – 23%; 1-5 mph winds

Caution:

- Please use care when driving **Highway 96 between I-5 and Happy Camp, CA** and watch for firefighters working in this area (the Goff fire). Also drive carefully on **Upper Applegate Road, OR** as both fire aircraft and fire vehicles are moving in this area to support the Lick and Hello fires.
- Smoke is visible in the Klamath River Valley near Seiad, Happy Camp and Hamburg. Smoke is also expected from the Lick fire at the south end of Applegate Lake and from the Hello Fire.
- The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is open. Closure of PCT access trails near the Goff and Hello fires is a potential. Please check Inci-Web (<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/>) or contact Fire Information if you plan to be near these areas.



Closures:

Rogue River-Siskiyou NF:

Forest Road 1040 is closed

Shoofly Trail 954 is closed from Road 1040 to Trail 957

Butte Fork Trail 957 is closed from the junction with Horse Camp Trail (958) west to Azalea Lake

Horse Camp Trail 958 is closed from Forest Road 1040 south to the Red Buttes Wilderness boundary

Fire Restrictions:

Fire restrictions have been implemented on both the Klamath and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests. In addition, certain road and trail closures have been implemented on the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Additional information on the fire restrictions and road and trail closures is available on the internet at www.inciweb.org for the Fort Complex. Forest visitors are reminded to check the Forest websites at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or <http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-river-siskiyou/> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions.

Fire Information:

530/841-4597

Inci-Web: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/>

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