

Wildfire Update: South Fork Complex

August 20, 2023



The following is information provided by the U.S. Forest Service:

Current Conditions: The South Fork Complex includes the 3-9, Sulfur, Pellitreau fires and the Pilot Fire. These are full suppression fire, meaning firefighters will aggressively fight fire whenever it is safe to do so.

Sunday, crews continued fire suppression efforts with the objective of keeping the fire north of Highway 36 between Fern Gulch and Mad River; east of Mad River, bearing north at Bug Creek to Snow Cap Mountain; south of power line clearance between Snow Cap Mountain and South Fork Trinity River; and west of South Fork of Trinity River from Mule Bridge to Highway 36. Firefighters are working to suppress the fire while also protecting property, natural and cultural resources.

The fires are located in areas with steep rugged terrain which contains a dense concentration of drought stressed trees. Many of these trees are dead and down on the ground, which is contributing to the fire's spread. The condition of the trees also creates a dangerous environment for firefighters as they are unstable and may have branches that could fall and injure those working below them. More equipment and personnel have been ordered to the incident.

A community meeting is being held Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held at the at the Veteran's Hall - VFW Post 9546 located at: 9201 CA-3, Hayfork, CA. This meeting will be in-person.

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WEATHER:

An area of low pressure west of Central California will maintain seasonal temperatures Sunday with a slight cooling trend through Monday. Temperature highs are expected to be between 76-86 degrees with lows of 63-37 degrees. Diurnal slope winds are expected with west-northwest winds over the ridges. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms are likely in the vicinity of the complex again Sunday. Gusty N/NW winds were forecasted for the upper elevations of the complex after 6 p.m. Sunday.

EVACUATION WARNINGS:

Trinity County Sherriff's Office has issued evacuation warnings for the HYM-505 and HYM-509 areas; refer to the evacuation link below for details:

Trinity County Wildfire and Evacuation Status Map

For more information on the South Fork Complex incident:

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