

July 25, 2023
Flat Fire Evening Update



Size: 22,697
Start Date: July 15, 2023
Containment: 3%

Point of origin: 2 miles southeast of Agness, OR

Cause: Human caused, Under Investigation

Total personnel: 1,528

Resources: 46 engines | 36 crews | 9 bulldozers | 24 water tenders | 8 masticators | 8 helicopters

Current Situation: This afternoon, firefighters began burnout operations along Forest Road (FR) 3680 starting at its junction with FR 330 and working north towards FR 3318. Crews also continue to make great progress reducing fuels along Burnt Ridge Road (FR 2308) and FR 150 in preparation for future firing operations in the northeast portion of the fire. Helicopters are dropping water on the fire’s southern edge to moderate fire behavior; the goal is to slow fire spread as it approaches the established control line ahead of it.

Tonight’s activities: Firefighters will continue ignitions in the southwest portion of the fire if conditions are favorable this evening. Crews will also prioritize mopping up along the fire’s northern perimeter and in recently burned areas.

Evacuations: A Level 2 “Get Set” evacuation notice remains in effect from Agness to Quosatana Creek and for the areas of Oak Flat, Old House Creek Road and Spud Road. Curry County is using Everbridge to send evacuation notices. You can sign up for notifications here: https://www.co.curry.or.us/departments/emergency_management/index.php.

Weather: A slight warming and drying weather pattern began over the fire area today.

Smoke: The Smoke Outlooks are available at <https://www.airnow.gov/> or oregonsmoke.org.

Closures: The Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest has issued a closure order for the fire area including trails, roads and a portion of the Illinois River. Oak Flat Campground, Game Lake Campground, Wild Horse Campground and Snow Camp Lookout Recreation Rentals are all part of the area closure. More information can be found here: bit.ly/RRSNFClosures.

Restrictions: Fire Restrictions are in place, to learn more visit: fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou.

Please slow down and be careful when driving near the fire area and incident camps due to increased fire traffic. The public is asked to be especially cautious when driving on Bear Camp Road (Forest Service Road 23). There is heavy public and fire-related traffic on this road.