

July 29, 2023
Flat Fire Evening Update



Size: 24,951
Start Date: July 15, 2023

Point of origin: 2 miles southeast of Agness, OR

Cause: Human caused, Under Investigation

Containment: 14%

Total personnel: 1,941

Resources: 53 engines | 50 crews | 8 bulldozers | 35 water tenders | 8 masticators | 12 helicopters

Today's Progress: Firing operations continued on the Flat Fire today where conditions allowed. On the southeast corner, firefighters made steady progress with tactical burning from Forest Road (FR) 420 down toward Snow Camp. In the fire's interior between FR 3318 and FR 3680, South of Wildhorse Ridge, fireline was strengthened through interior burning using Unstaffed Aerial Systems (UAS). The night shift plans to deepen fireline through burning operations in the northeast corner of the fire area.

With fire traffic on Bear Camp Road, all motorists on Bear Camp Road are asked to slow down, use headlights and proceed with caution.

Community Meeting: A community meeting will take place on Monday, July 31st, at 6:00 p.m. at the Brookings-Harbor High School in the cafeteria. The address for the school is: 625 Pioneer Rd, Brookings, OR 97415.

Evacuations: A Level 1 "Get Ready" evacuation notice is in effect for areas on the north side of the Rogue River in Agness up to Illahe Lodge and along the Rogue River Corridor from Quosatana Creek Campground to the Agness area. This includes the areas of Spud Road, Old House Creek Road and Oak Flat.

The area immediately east of Agness remains in a level 2, out of an abundance of caution. Some areas outside the burn area to the southwest will remain in Level 2 while fire crews continue to further secure control lines. The Curry County Sheriff's Office will continue to coordinate with the Fire Incident Management Team and will notify all residents affected by the fire of any reasons to change evacuation levels.

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: The forecast calls for continued warm and dry weather conditions into Sunday, with an increase in temperatures and winds Monday.

Smoke: The Smoke Outlook is available at: <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/en/b74901f7>

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Closures: The Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest has issued an updated 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 closed as part of the area closure. The Chetco River Road (FR 1376) and Chetco/Pistol River Road (FR 1407) are now closed. The updated closure also allows for public access to the Big Rock swimming hole on the Illinois River. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzbae69>

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

Abnormally dry conditions and hot temperatures are forecast to persist across Oregon and Washington with vegetation already much drier than normal. Please follow all fire restrictions, especially as we are seeing a significant increase in human-caused fire starts across the region.

Use properly functioning spark arresters and stay on designated trails and roads. Do not park, idle or drive on dry, flammable vegetation. Your vehicle could start a wildfire.