

## August 28, 2023 Flat Fire Morning Update



**Size:** 34,242 acres

**Start Date:** July 15, 2023

**Point of origin:** 2 miles southeast  
of Agness, OR

**Containment:** 58%

**Total personnel:** 414

**Resources:** 11 crews | 3 helicopters | 17 engines | 3 bulldozers | 16 water tenders | 4 masticators

**Today's Activities:** Resources continue to make significant progress with suppression efforts, including repairs to trails and roads along the north and northeast sides of the fire. Around the perimeter of the fire, engine crews maintain daily patrols checking for heat sources that may pose a threat to the line. Overall, lines are holding without much heat reported. Lookouts and aerial recon over the east flank report no new heat or smokes. An Initial Attack (IA) group consisting of Flat Fire resources continues to provide suppression response to support the forest. The IA group engaged on the 9-acre Barklow Fire in the Copper Salmon Wilderness. Crews have established line around that fire. Resources are also assisting on the 10.8-acre Cedar Fire at the south end of the Grassy Knob Wilderness.

## Anvil Fire Morning Update

**Size:** 25 acres

**Start Date:** August 25, 2023

**Point of origin:** 8 miles  
east of Port Orford, OR

**Containment:** 0%

**Total personnel:** 40

**Resources:** 2 crews | 1 helicopter | 12 rappellers | 1 engine | 1 bulldozer

**Today's Activities:** The Southwest Area Incident Management Team assumed command of the Anvil Fire on Sunday, August 27. The fire located within the Grassy Knob Wilderness is burning in old growth timber and thick brush, on steep, rugged terrain approximately 23 miles northwest of the Flat Fire. On Sunday, crews made their way into the fire, with help from a dozer to reopen road to the wilderness boundary. Two 20-person crews and 12 rappellers, established line all the way around the fire in incredibly difficult terrain in a short amount of time. No dozer operations will be conducted within the wilderness. Crews will continue to work the fire edge checking heat on that line. The Helicopter is assisting with bucket work to suppress hotspots. Additional resources, including two more hand crews, an engine, and two masticators have been ordered for Monday.

**Weather:** Milder weather over the next few days should help keep fire activity to a minimum due to cooler temperatures and increased humidity levels. A dry cold front will bring slightly cooler temperatures Monday and Tuesday along with a slight increase in northwest winds.

**Smoke:** Smoke lingering within the area is moving north from the Smith River Complex and settling within some nearby communities, like Brookings. Smoke outlook for the area is available at: <https://bit.ly/SWORNWCALsmoke>

**Closures:** **U.S. Highway 199 has been closed north of Gasquet due to fires on the Six River National Forest, please use U.S. Route 101 to SR 42 for all travel to and from the Rogue Valley. Forest Service and BLM roads should not be used as alternate routes due to emerging fire activity.** The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (RRSNF) has issued a closure order for the fire area including trails, roads, and a portion of the Illinois River. Visit <https://bit.ly/RRSNFAlerts> for more information.

**Evacuations:** Level 1 "Get Ready" evacuation status in place for areas in the vicinity of the Flat Fire. Link to more information: <https://bit.ly/CurryCoEM>

**Restrictions:** Fire danger is currently extreme; the RRSNF is implementing Level 3 Public Use Restrictions (PUR). Level 3 PURs on the Wild Section of the Rogue River have been implemented by the RRSF, Medford BLM and ODF. More information: <https://bit.ly/RRSNFnews>

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