

# September 28, 2023

## Anvil and Flat Fires Update



### Anvil Fire

**Size:** 21,911 acres    **Start Date:** August 25, 2023    **Location:** 8 miles east of Port Orford, OR  
**Containment:** 27%    **Total personnel:** 1,131    **Resources:** 32 crews, 10 helicopters, 46 engines

Yesterday, firefighters continued working on and patrolling containment lines. Portions of the fire remain too wet for dozers to construct new line. On the east side of the Anvil Fire, crews continue scouting for opportunities to build containment lines where it is safe and advantageous to work.

Today, hotshot crews are assessing opportunities on the northwest corner of the fire to create containment lines. Minimal fire behavior is anticipated through the weekend, with additional rain expected on Friday. Fire behavior may increase in the coming weeks, until ongoing, consistent rain covers the fire area. The fire will continue to smolder in heavy vegetation and downed timber until humidity drops and temperatures warm enough to allow flames to burn more actively again.

**Evacuations:** Curry County Sheriff's Office has identified four evacuation zones around the Anvil Fire. On Monday afternoon, the Sheriff was able to reduce the evacuation levels. Zones 1, 2, and 4 are now in Level 2 "Be Set" status. Residents may return home but should be prepared to evacuate should fire activity increase again. Zone 3 is now in Level 1 "Ready" status. All residents should remain attentive to changing conditions until the fire is more fully contained and the evacuations can be lifted completely. View the interactive evacuation map at <https://bit.ly/AnvilEvacs>. Sign up for Curry Co. emergency alerts at <https://bit.ly/CurryCoEM>.

**Area and Road Closures:** For the safety of firefighters and the public, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (RRSNF) and Coos Bay District Bureau of Land Management have issued closure orders for the Anvil Fire area. Find maps and closure information at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/orrsf-anvil-fire>.

**Fire Restrictions:** On Sept. 27 at 12:01 am, the Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest lifted all public Use Restrictions on Forest lands and moved to "moderate" fire danger. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level was reduced to Level 1. Public Use Restrictions on the Wild Section of the Rogue River are at Stage 1- campfires must be in a fire pan below the high-water mark.

### Flat Fire

**Size:** 34,242 acres    **Start Date:** July 15, 2023    **Location:** 2 miles southeast of Agness, OR    **Containment:** 75%  
**Total personnel:** 11    **Resources:** 3 engines

Crews continue to implement the suppression repair plan on the Flat Fire. Additional crews, including excavators, will work on cleaning up the fire line and returning them to a natural state. The RRSNF closure on the Flat Fire remains in effect. For the latest information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/RRSNFAlerts>

### General Information

**Weather:** Today will bring light winds moving from the northeast to the northwest in the afternoon. On Friday, there is a 50% chance of wetting rain across the fire. Over the weekend, conditions will dry out and winds are predicted to come from the north.

**Smoke:** Smoke may begin to increase as fuels dry out and fire activity increases.

Visit <https://bit.ly/SWORsmoke> for current smoke and air quality updates. Please drive slowly and with headlights on through any fire area. Caltrans issued a schedule of road closures and lane restrictions on US-199 northeast from Crescent City. Local law enforcement cautions against any non-essential traffic along this route. For specific information on road access, please see the Caltrans QuickMap site, <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> and Oregon Department of Transportation site, <https://www.tripcheck.com/>. **Do not use forest roads for alternate routes.**

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