

# October 3, 2023

## Anvil and Flat Fires Update



**Highlight:** There will be a public meeting for the Anvil and Flat fires tonight, Tuesday October 3 at 7:00 PM at the Sixes Grange. The meeting will also be streamed live at [facebook.com/flatfireoregon2023](https://facebook.com/flatfireoregon2023)

### Anvil Fire

**Size:** 22,173 acres    **Start Date:** August 25, 2023    **Location:** 8 miles east of Port Orford, OR  
**Containment:** 45%    **Total personnel:** 1,127    **Resources:** 29 crews, 7 helicopters, 34 engines

Firefighters continue making progress constructing containment lines on the west side of the fire and nearing completion. Rain and higher humidities has resulted in no perimeter growth. Yesterday a helicopter assisted firefighters with bucket drops when an area above the Elk River Hatchery began to show more heat. Suppression repair work continues along the Sixes River Road and a structure group has been cleaning up around residences along the Elk River. Progress continues on containment lines on the north and west side of the fire. Crews have been backhauling - removing hose and other equipment from secured portions of the line. On the southeast perimeter of the fire, firefighters continue to build contingency lines south towards Milbury Mountain.

Today, weather permitting, crews will work on completing containment lines on the west side of the fire. Work is ongoing to identify and begin construction of secondary and contingency lines for uncontained areas of the fire in inaccessible terrain. Large timber and heavier fuels still have below average moisture levels. Smoldering may become more active in the coming days as temperatures rise and humidities drop. Additional isolated smokes will be visible as temperatures warm back up and fuels begin drying back out.

**Evacuations:** Curry County Sheriff's Office has identified evacuation zones near the Anvil Fire: Zones 1, 2, and 4 are in Level 2 "Set" status. Zone 3 is in Level 1 "Ready" status. Conditions may change quickly. Monitor for updates in evacuation levels. View the interactive evacuation map at <https://bit.ly/AnvilEvacs>. Sign up for Curry Co. emergency alerts at <https://bit.ly/CurryCoEM>.

### Flat Fire

**Size:** 34,242 acres    **Start Date:** July 15, 2023    **Location:** 2 miles southeast of Agness, OR    **Containment:** 88%  
**Total personnel:** 48    **Resources:** 1 crew, 3 engines

Excavators continue to repair suppression lines on the northern perimeter of the fire. Crews are working to mitigate hazard trees and repair roads.

**Emergency Fire Area and Road Closures Still in Effect:** Forest closures remain in place in both fire areas. Recent precipitation across the forest allowed for the lifting of Public Use Restrictions, which allows campfires on areas of the forest that are *not currently under a closure order*. Lifting Public Use Restrictions for campfires does not rescind closure orders. Forest staff are working closely with fire managers daily to re-evaluate closures and look for opportunities to reopen them as soon as safely possible for both firefighters and the public. For current closure information and maps, please visit: <https://bit.ly/RRSNFAlerts> or <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/orrsf-anvil-fire>.

**Fire Restrictions:** The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest lifted all Public Use Restrictions on Forest Service 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.

**Weather:** Light rain fell over the fire yesterday afternoon and will continue until noon today. Temperatures will warm and winds will increase after the front passes.

**Smoke:** Smoke may be visible at times. For current smoke and air quality updates visit, <https://bit.ly/SWORsmoke>. Please drive slowly and with headlights on through any fire area.

**Roads:** Visit [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) or call 511 for current road closures. **Do not use forest roads for alternate routes.**

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