

October 4, 2023

Anvil and Flat Fires Update



Highlight:

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest issued an update to the Emergency Area and Road Closure for the Flat Fire, reducing the closure area and reopening roads adjacent to the fire area. Closure map and details are available here: <https://bit.ly/RRSNFAlert>

Anvil Fire

Size: 22,173 acres **Start Date:** August 25, 2023 **Location:** 8 miles east of Port Orford, OR
Containment: 54% **Total personnel:** 1,097 **Resources:** 29 crews, 7 helicopters, 30 engines

Yesterday's precipitation limited safe access for firefighters around the fire but will give them an advantage today. Weather permitting, crews will be shuttled in via helicopter to the west perimeter to finish two sections of handline. Crews continue to remove suppression equipment for backhaul along Elk River Road. Chipping operations and suppression repair continue along Grassy Knob Road. On the northeast edge of the fire, heavy equipment is working to reduce fuels and improve fireline. Progress on the contingency line near the southeast perimeter of the fire, towards Milbury Mountain, has been slowed due to rain but will pick up over the next few days.

The increase in wind today will give firefighters an opportunity to more easily identify isolated pockets of interior heat as those areas produce more smoke. Conditions permitting, an infrared flight will look for any significant areas of heat.

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:** 93%
Total personnel: 51 **Resources:** 1 crew, 3 engines

Crews are working to fall hazard trees and repair roadways to make them safe for the public. Excavators are working to repair suppression lines on the 93 working towards the river.

Emergency Fire Area and Road Closures Still in Effect: Forest closures remain in place in both fire areas. The closure area for the Flat Fire has been reduced. For current closure information and maps, please visit: <https://bit.ly/RRSNFAlerts>.

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.

Weather: Light rain fell over much of the fire yesterday. Temperatures will warm and winds will increase today, especially on ridgetops.

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 or call 511 for current road closures. **Do not use forest roads for alternate routes.**