

October 5, 2023

Anvil and Flat Fires Update



Anvil Fire

Size: 22,170 acres **Start Date:** August 25, 2023 **Location:** 8 miles east of Port Orford, OR
Containment: 54% **Total personnel:** 962 **Resources:** 22 crews, 7 helicopters, 25 engines

Firefighters were unable to access the uncontained section of the western edge of line yesterday due to windy conditions which limited helicopter capabilities to transport firefighters. Progress was made on the lower half of this section. Crews are removing pumps and hose around homes on Elk River Road, and staging this equipment as a precaution for residents. Suppression repair continues to take place around the fire. Chipping operations continue along Sixes River Road. Plans to create more separation between the east edge and values at risk are being developed. Chipping work on the southern half of the fire will switch to the south side of the road and begin working back to the west. The eastern edge of the fire is being monitored and benefited from the rain and cooler temperatures early in the week.

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

An excavator and chipper are working on suppression repair on the northern tip working east. Crews are following the equipment to remove hazard trees and complete any additional work by hand.

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. There is 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. The new order is effective October 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.

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 "low" fire danger today. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level was reduced to Level 1.

Weather: Today will be sunny with temperatures in the low 80's on some areas of the fire and much less windy than yesterday.

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.**