

October 6, 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:** 847 **Resources:** 20 crews, 6 helicopters, 22 engines

Crews were able to complete a challenging section of handline on the western edge of the fire yesterday. Chipping in this area was also completed and equipment will turn the corner to work further south today. Engines are working on the northern half of the fire doing suppression repair on Forest Service Roads. On the northeastern tip of the fire, crews put in direct handline and are assessing other points where indirect line will benefit suppression efforts on the ridgetop. Along the southern edge of the fire, crews and equipment continue to repair suppression lines. The chipper in this area is moving south, down the dozer line towards Forest Road 5502. Chipping on the south side of the 5502 is ongoing, working back to the west.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) flew the northeast line of the fire, looking for heat and gaining information in the deep, thick drainages. These flights will continue today and help ground crews make plans for the coming days.

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

Two masticators continue to reduce fuels along lines on the northeast corner of the fire. Engines on the southwest corner are cleaning up line and forest roads.

Emergency Fire Area and Road Closures Still in Effect: 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 The new order is effective October 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.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://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. This includes the Wild and Scenic portion of the Rogue River. All five Ranger Districts have been moved into "low" fire danger. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level was reduced to Level 1 across the forest.

Weather: Today's weather will be much like yesterday with temperatures in the low 80's and light winds. Although fuels will be drying out, only large, thousand-hour fuels are expected to smoke in the interior of the fire perimeter.

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.**