

# October 13, 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:** 80%    **Total personnel:** 343    **Resources:** 9 crews, 1 helicopter, 8 engines

Firefighters and equipment operators took advantage of the short window of dry weather to install water bars, chip brush and close dozer line. All the repair work along Elk River Road is now complete. The mastication on the southeast side of the fire is complete, but additional chipping is needed. Repair of the dozer line on Grassy Knob is nearly complete and will continue today. Crews will continue chipping cut brush along the Forest System 5544 and 5502 roads. Dozer lines on China Mountain continue to present challenges for equipment to access due to wet conditions. In lieu of equipment, hand crews will work on repair in that area today. Rain is forecast for the next several days before a dry trend returns. Fire managers will continue to complete priority repair work as weather permits.

**Evacuations:** Level I evacuation zones around the Anvil Fire remain. There are no evacuation statuses on the Flat Fire. 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:** 64    **Resources:** 2 crew, 3 engines

Yesterday hand crews attempted to continue repair on the Pine Grove trail, but conditions were too wet. Straw bales and seed that arrived yesterday were unloaded to prepare to be spread over sensitive areas in need of ground cover. Chipping will continue along the Forest Service 3680 today.

**Emergency Fire Area and Road Closures Still in Effect:** Forest closures remain in place in both fire areas. 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 The new order is effective October 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.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>.

**Restrictions:** The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest lifted all Public Use Restrictions on Forest Service lands and moved to "low" fire danger. The Industrial Fire Precaution Level was reduced to Level 1.

**Weather:** Today will be warmer and drier before wet weather returns. Without a period of prolonged drying, fire behavior is expected to be minimal. Forecast rain over the next few days may limit work by heavy equipment in the fire areas.

**Smoke:** Due to rain and lack of smoke, a daily smoke outlook no longer will be provided. Air quality information is available at [www.OregonSmoke.org](http://www.OregonSmoke.org).