

# October 14, 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:** 288    **Resources:** 7 crews, 1 helicopter, 8 engines

High winds and wet conditions slowed operations across the fire again yesterday. However, crews and equipment operators continue to make progress where they safely can, cleaning culverts and chipping remaining brush. Today erosion control features will continue to be installed along dozer line on Grassy Knob. While the ground is too saturated for heavy equipment, hand crews will continue improving drainage on dozer line around China Mountain. Chipping along Forest System 5544 and 5502 Roads is nearing completion today. A brief break in the wet weather is expected Sunday, followed by more rain and then a few days of drying. Fire managers are prepared to take advantage of the periods of dry weather to make additional progress with heavy equipment work.

**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:** 69    **Resources:** 2 crews, 4 engines

The Pine Grove bicycle trail remained too wet to safely work, so hand crews focused on cleaning culverts and roadside ditches yesterday. Bales of straw are prepositioned to be flown by helicopter to areas east of Agness once the weather allows. Today chipping will continue along the Forest System 3680 Road and crews will again attempt to work on the Pine Grove trail repair.

**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 The new order is effective October 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.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:** Light rain is expected in the afternoon. Sunday is expected to be warmer and dry before another round of moisture and high winds return early in the week.

**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).