

October 15, 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:** 292 **Resources:** 7 crews, 1 helicopter, 6 engines

Lingering moisture continues to slow fire spread in uncontained areas of the fire. Light smoke is still visible as heavy fuels on the interior of the fire smolder. Excavators are working to mitigate impacts from suppression operations along the northwest perimeter, repairing dozer line and roads. Heavy equipment and hand crews are engaged in additional repair work including cleaning culverts and ditches, chipping, and dozer line repair in the China Mountain area.

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:** 53 **Resources:** 1 crew, 4 engines

Yesterday, weather conditions were more conducive for fire personnel to carry out suppression repair efforts. Excavators cleaned culverts along roads and log processing continued working to the north and east. Hand crews worked the Pine Grove bicycle trail and reengaged in chipping operations. A small window of favorable weather is possible tomorrow to deliver straw bales via helicopter to areas east of Agness which firefighters will spread to protect reseeded areas and prevent erosion.

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 The new order is effective October 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.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: Sunday is expected to be warmer with progressively increasing winds gusting to 40 mph on Monday. Early Monday morning, a wet cold front will move in the area producing up to 1.5 inches of rain over a 24-hour period. A warming and drying trend will develop over the remainder of 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.