

# October 16, 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:** 293    **Resources:** 9 crews, 1 helicopter, 6 engines

Yesterday, firefighters took advantage of favorable weather conditions to continue fire suppression repair work. Excellent progress was made on dozer line repair along the west side of the fire. Piling of woody fuel was completed along Forest Service Road 0307 and crews accomplished three miles of chipping on the south side of the fire. Operations in the China Mountain area consisted of clearing out culverts and installing drainage features. Forecasted strong winds today may pose a threat to firefighter safety due to potential blow down of fire weakened trees. Heavy rains of up to two inches in areas present driving hazards and dirt roads could potentially be damaged by vehicle travel. Fire crews will be working along main artery roads if conditions allow for operations to be carried out safely.

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

Fire crews and heavy equipment had another successful day yesterday engaging in fire suppression repair operations including cleaning out culverts and chipping. A helicopter mission was completed delivering straw bales to be utilized as mulch to protect newly seeded areas east of Agness.

**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 The new order is effective October 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.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:** High winds gusting to 40-50 mph and heavy rain is expected today with precipitation accumulation of up to two inches within a 24-hour period. A warming and drying trend will develop Tuesday through Thursday.

**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).