

October 20, 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:** 261 **Resources:** 9 crews, 2 engines

Sunny weather made for good working conditions yesterday. Road repair along the north side of the fire and Forest Service Road 5105 is near completion. In other areas of the fire, firefighters spread gravel to repair a private driveway that had sustained damage during suppression efforts and heavy equipment operators placed boulders on Forest Service Road 37 to block access to the previously closed road. Hand crews completed chipping operations on the eastern and southern parts of the fire. Several heavy equipment resources and the remaining helicopter were demobilized after completing the day's work.

Today, fire managers will assess the quality and completion of work as well as ensuring all remaining equipment and any garbage is removed from control lines and staging areas. Hand crews and an excavator will continue to repair dozer line along the south perimeter including in the area south of China Mountain. With typical cooler fall temperatures and precipitation in the forecast, all fire resources will be completing the last few days' worth of work and heading home by Sunday.

Flat Fire

Size: 34,242 acres **Start Date:** July 15, 2023 **Location:** 2 miles southeast of Agness, OR
Containment: 93% **Total personnel:** 52 **Resources:** 1 crew, 4 engines

Firefighters were successful at completing all fuel piling and road repair on Forest Service Road 3680 yesterday. An infrared equipped Unmanned Aerial System (UAS/drone) flew the eastern edge of the fire last night and found no significant sources of heat. Erosion control measures including spreading of straw, will continue tomorrow on the 330 trail and Illinois trail today.

Emergency Fire Area and Road Closures Still in Effect: Forest closures remain in place in both fire areas. 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 has lifted all Public Use Restrictions on Forest Service Lands. The Fire Danger Rating and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels were removed from all five Ranger Districts on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, signaling the end of fire season, effective midnight, October 17. **Emergency road and area closures are still in effect in fire areas (see above).**

Weather: Friday will present another day of dry conditions with temperatures in the low 70s. A weather system bringing gusty 20 mph winds and up to a half-inch of rain moves into the area Saturday and Sunday. There is a high chance of rain throughout the week, especially Tuesday.