

October 21, 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:** 131 **Resources:** 4 crews, 1 engine

Firefighters took advantage of the favorable weather conditions yesterday allowing for another productive day of work. Crews completed all road repair along the north side of the fire as well as repairing a bridge that was damaged during suppression operations along the southern edge of the fire. Hand crews and heavy equipment completed a majority of the dozer line repair south of China Mountain as well as Forest Service 024 Road. Smoke not related to the fires was present in the area yesterday as a result of local pile burning.

The last of the work including road repair on Bureau of Land Management Road 14 and the remainder of the dozer line repair is on the agenda for today. Crews will continue with cleanup pulling down signage and dismantling the Incident Command Post and fire camp.

After weeks of minimal fire activity followed by close to ten inches of rain, fire suppression repair work is near completion. Several fire resources demobilized yesterday and the remainder of resources, including all incident management personnel, will head 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:** 51 **Resources:** 1 crew, 4 engines

Yesterday, firefighters backhauled equipment, signs, and garbage around from the Agness area. Today fire crews will spread straw on the 330 and Illinois trail to prevent erosion and washout of the trails.

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 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: A weather system bringing gusty 20 mph winds and up to a half-inch of rain moves into the area today and tomorrow. There is a high chance of rain throughout the week, especially Tuesday.