

# Flat Fire

July 18, 2023  
Morning Update



## Flat Fire Quick Facts

**Size:** 8,204

**Start Date:** July 15, 2023

**Location:** 2 miles south east  
Agness, OR

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Total personnel:** 378

**Resources:** 16 Engines  
13 crews

2 bulldozers

2 water tenders

7 helicopters

**Current Situation:** The Flat Fire is burning in historic burn scars from the Biscuit and Klondike fires. Firefighters are working around standing dead trees (snags) and thick vegetation within these burn scars. The landscape is characterized by steep terrain and limited access points. Fire managers are being deliberate on firefighting tactics to keep firefighters safe, protect surrounding communities, and infrastructure. Night crews were able to take advantage of more favorable conditions overnight. The fire is expected to continue to be active today creating heavy smoke in nearby communities.

**Today's activities:** More resources have arrived and will do so over the next several days. Firefighters are continuing to strengthen and create new firelines. Firefighters are gaining reconnaissance looking for opportunities to use existing barriers (roads, bodies of water) to safely engage the fire. Fire managers will be using aviation resources as conditions and visibility allow.

**Evacuations:** Please monitor the Curry and Josephine County Sheriff's Offices for official evacuation notices.

**Weather:** Sunny, warm, and dry with northeast winds.

**Closures:** The Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest has issued a [closure order](#) for the fire area including trails, roads, and a portion of the Illinois River. Please be careful when driving in the area due to increased fire traffic.

**Restrictions:** Fire Restrictions are in place on the <https://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou>

**Smoke:** Smoke Forecast Outlooks are available at <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook>

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