Lincoln County Wildfire Readiness

Fire District Briefing: Seasonal Fire Restrictions & Precautions

2021 – Lincoln County Public Safety Agencies have separated our wildfire readiness presentation into 8 modules. Virtual presentations will be conducted and recorded May – June and will be posted to the County wildfire readiness website for viewing at any time.

The following slides are intended to be used as a self learning guide. The slides have links to additional local, state, federal resource information.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to any of the agencies represented in this presentation.

Lincoln County 2021 Public Service Announcement

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- Lincoln County Fire Defense Board:
  - Chief Robert Murphy, Newport Fire
  - Chief Rob Dahlman, North Lincoln Fire
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office:
  - Sheriff Curtis Landers

Section Overview

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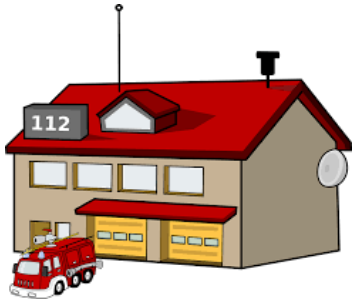
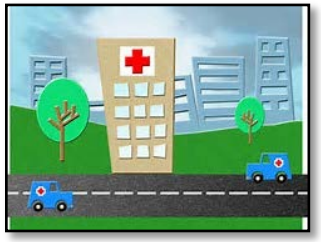
Section A: Administrative Brief and Sponsors

Wildfire Advocates

Local government, public safety, utilities, healthcare providers and volunteer groups have an advocacy role to ensure their agencies and our communities are prepared for, know how to respond to and recover from wildfire events.





EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Community Presentation Sponsors

LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DEFENSE BOARD OREGON

SHERIFF LINCOLN COUNTY

SEAL ROCK FIRE DISTRICT SEAL ROCK OREGON

NORTH LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE DIST. #1

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY "STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

DCBS Consumer and Business Services

OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DEPOE BAY FIRE AND RESCUE

CENTRAL COAST FIRE & RESCUE

YACHATS VOLUNTEER FIRE - RESCUE - EMS FIRE DEPT

Oregon State University Extension Service

NEWPORT FIRE DEPT.

TOLEDO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SILETZ VALLEY FIRE DIST. READY TO STRIKE

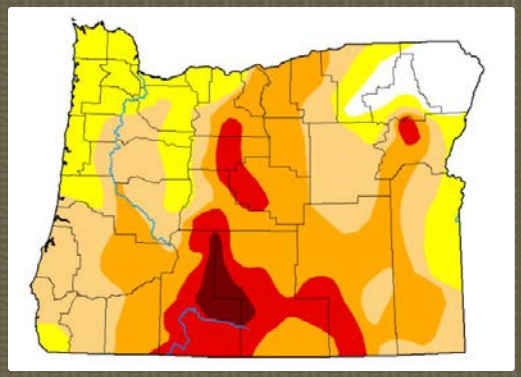
Public Health Prevent. Promote. Protect. Lincoln County

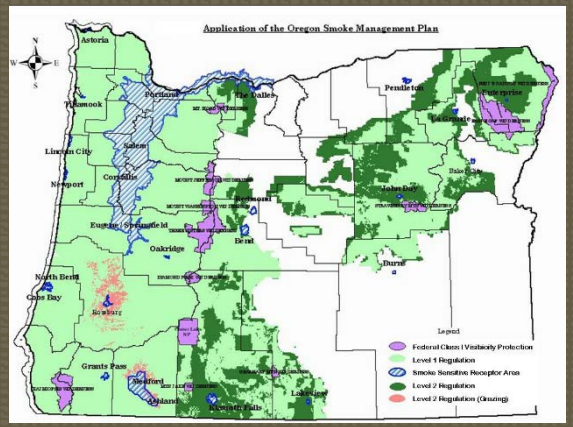
American Red Cross

Our objective!

Strengthening your knowledge of our local wildfire risk and your role in preparedness, response and recovery

Section B: Seasonal Outlook Weather/Drought





ODF Weather Seasonal Climate Forecast

NWS Seasonal Weather Briefing

- 2021 NWS Summer Outlook
- NWS Portland

Drought Conditions

U.S. Drought Monitor

Current Map | Maps | Data | Summary | About | Conditions & Outlooks | En Español | NADM

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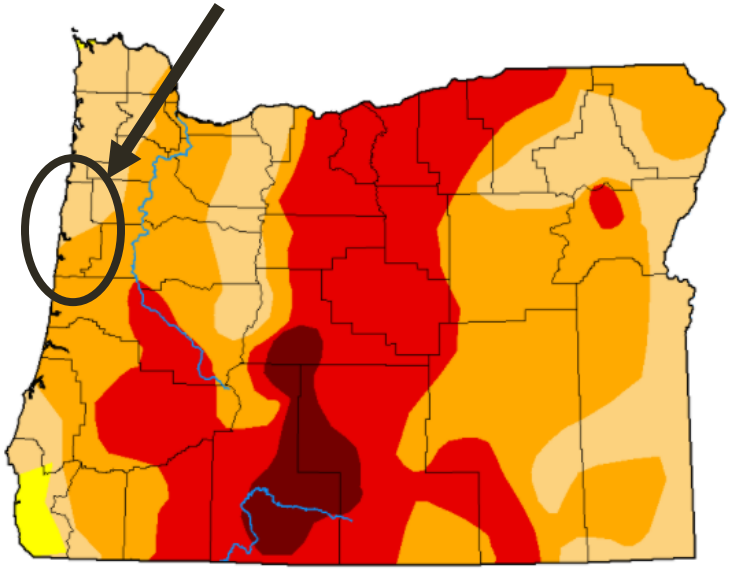
Oregon

Current Status – ½ Severe ½ Moderate



Map released: Thurs. June 24, 2021

Data valid: June 22, 2021 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

Authors

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Curtis Riganti, National Drought Mitigation Center

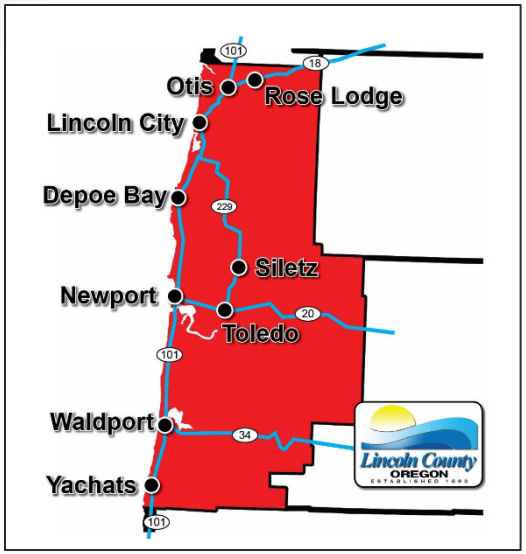
Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author(s):
Ahira Sanchez-Lugo, NOAA/NCEI

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying **text summary** for forecast statements.*

Section C:
Local Fire District Briefing

What are Burning Ban/Restrictions?

- A burning ban is a **restriction issued for a specified part of the state under extremely dry conditions** in which existing burning permits are canceled and new permits not issued. Burning in approved burners, recreational fires, and even smoking outdoors may be prohibited, depending on the fire danger.
  - May be modified by weather conditions.
  - Will change during fire season (as ODF determines).
  - Complete burn bans may be required during extreme weather conditions for community protection.



Local Burning Restrictions

- **Check with local fire district/department for specific restrictions** for your area (contact roster – click here).
- Lincoln County **generally moves to county wide – full burn ban around the first week of July**…but could be issued earlier.
- **Public is notified via** Lincoln Alerts, media releases, social media updates and posted on Fire District webpages.

Fireworks Safety

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Of Firework Safety

BE RESPONSIBLE:

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks & debris properly.
- Never re-light "dud" fireworks. Wait 15-20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water.

BE PREPARED:

- Store fireworks out a children's reach.
- Always read and follow label directions
- Bring pets indoors; they frighten easily
- Always have water on hand

BE SAFE:

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches & lighters away from children.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Light only one firework at a time & move away.
- Keep children & pets away
- Do not throw fireworks or hold them in your hand.

BE AWARE:

- Use only legal fireworks.
- Use fireworks only in legal places.
- Fireworks are prohibited on all beaches, state parks, and state or federal forest lands.

OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL
PREVENTION
EDUCATION
INVESTIGATION
HAZMAT
PREMIER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IN OREGON

KEEP IT LEGAL, KEEP IT SAFE

Fire Crackers

Bottle Rockets

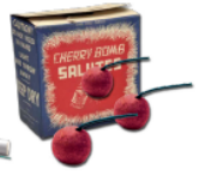
Roman Candles

Aerial Shells with Mortar

Missiles & Rockets

The items below are considered illegal explosive devices and should only be handled by a bomb technician.

Silver Salutes



Cherry Bombs

M-80s

Illegal: Any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or behaves in an uncontrollable and unpredictable manner.

Warning label may say:
"Shoots Flaming Balls."

Oregon Laws Violated:
ORS 480.120 Violation

Charged:
Class B Misdemeanor

What is Fire Weather?

- Typically, spring, summer and fall
- May be driven by periods of low moisture
- May be driven by high winds
- Driven by unseasonable high temperatures
- Extreme fire conditions occur during **Red Flag Warnings** requiring extra caution and early calls to 911

- A **Red Flag Warning** is issued to alert fire officials and firefighters of potentially dangerous ***fire weather conditions within the next 12 to 24*** hours. They are issued when the following three criteria are met:
  - Surface relative humidity (RH) less than 30 % for VA and MD; RH less than or equal to 25% for WV AND
  - Sustained surface wind of 20 MPH or greater AND
  - 0-hour fuel moisture less than 8% for VA; less than or equal to 8% for MD and WV

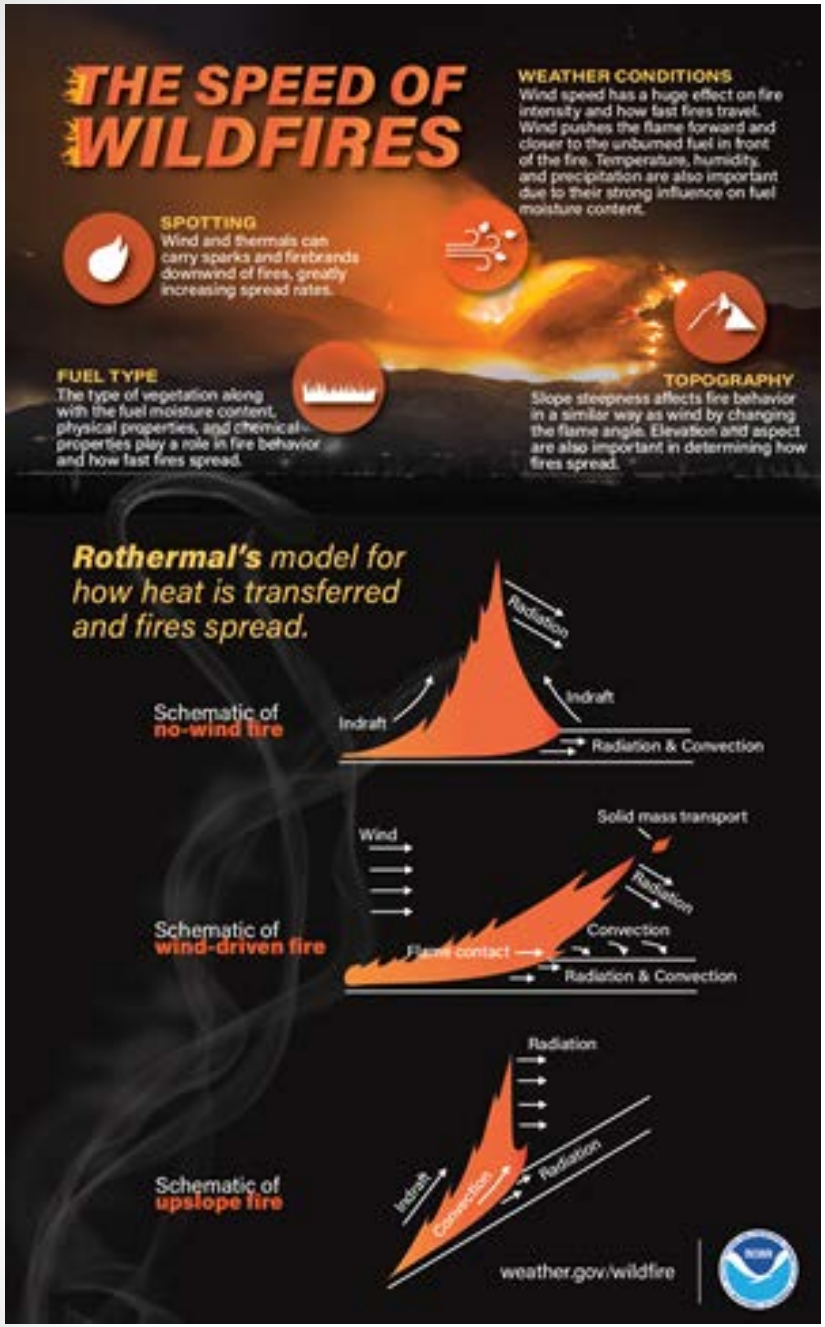
- A **Fire Weather Watch** is issued to alert fire officials and firefighters of potentially dangerous ***fire weather conditions within the next 24 to 36*** hours. They are issued when the following three criteria are met:
  - Surface relative humidity (RH) less than 30 % for VA and MD; RH less than or equal to 25% for WV AND
  - Sustained surface wind of 20 MPH or greater AND
  - 10-hour fuel moisture less than 8% for VA; less than or equal to 8% for MD and WV

Understanding Watches/Warnings

- **Red Flag Warning:** *Take Action - be extremely careful with open flames.* NWS issues a Red Flag Warning, in conjunction with land management agencies, to alert land managers to an ongoing or imminent critical fire weather pattern. NWS issues a Red Flag Warning when fire conditions are ongoing or expected to occur shortly.

- **Fire Weather Watch:** *Be Prepared - a Watch alerts land managers and the public that upcoming weather conditions could result in extensive wildland fire occurrence or extreme fire behavior.* A watch means critical fire weather conditions are possible but not imminent or occurring.

- **Extreme Fire Behavior:** This alert implies a wildfire likely to rage of out of control. If is often hard to predict these fires because such they behave erratically, sometimes dangerously. One or more of the following criteria must be met:
  - Moving fast: High rate of spread
  - Prolific crowning and/or spotting
  - Presence of fire whirls
  - Strong convection column



The Speed of Wildfires

What to do!

- **If you cause a fire:**
  - Call 911 to report the fire - know your address, landmarks, road mile markers.
  - Attempt to extinguish with water and/or shovel of dirt/sand if safe to do so.
  - Evacuate the immediate area and notify neighbors if safe to do so.

What to do!

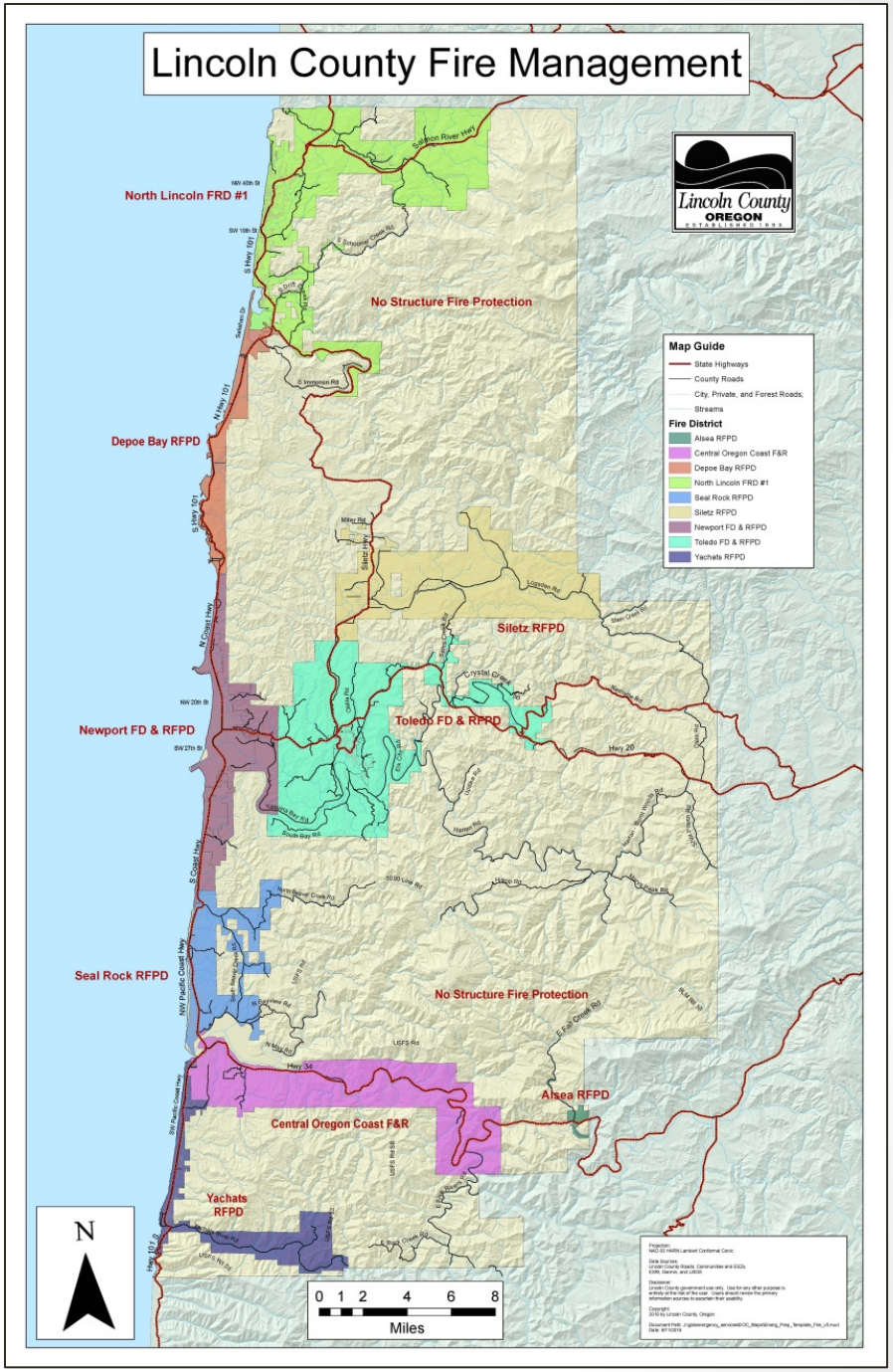
- If you see smoke at **a distance** in a **rural or isolated area:**
  - You can monitor/check prescribed burns at this website – save bookmark on your phone
  - Call your local fire district/ODF station to determine if it is a prescribed burn or if it has been reported.

Depoe Bay, August 2016

- If you see an unattended, unobserved fire or heavy smoke **nearby** your location call the non-emergency Dispatch number and give the location and pertinent information. *Bookmark this number in your phone

- If there ***is an immediate threat to life or safety, call 911***.

Lincoln County Fire Districts by Area



How to Reach Us!

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers for
Dispatch Centers Serving Lincoln County, Oregon Communities

Community Areas	Non-Emergency Number to Dispatch	Business Number
Depoe Bay, Gleneden Beach, Lincoln Beach		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: Depoe Bay Rural Fire Protection District	541-574-5809	541-764-2202
East Lincoln County (Elk City, Harlan, Burnt Woods, Eddyville, Chitwood, Nashville)		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: OR Dept. of Forestry	541-929-9154	541-336-2273
Fire: Toledo Rural Fire Protection Dist.	541-336-5555	541-336-3311
Lincoln City (City)		
Police: Lincoln City Police	541-994-3636	541-994-3636
Fire: North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District 1	541-994-3636	541-994-3100
Newport (City and North/South)		
Police: Newport City Police Dept.	541-574-5807	541-574-3348
Fire: Newport City Fire Dept.	541-574-5808	541-265-9461
Fire: Newport Rural Fire Protection Dist.	541-574-5808	541-265-9461
North Lincoln County (Otis, Rose Lodge, Kernville)		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District 1	541-994-3636	541-994-3100
Seal Rock		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District	541-574-5811	541-563-4441
Siletz (City and Unincorporated Areas)		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: Siletz Valley Rural Fire Protection District	541-574-5812	541-444-2043
Toledo (City)		
Dispatch: Toledo City Dispatch	541-336-5555	541-336-5555
Police: Toledo City Police	541-336-5555	541-336-5555
Fire: Toledo City Fire	541-336-5555	541-336-3311
Waldport (City and Unincorporated Areas)		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue	541-574-5810	541-563-3121
Yachats (City and Unincorporated Areas)		
Police: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	541-265-0777	541-265-4277
Fire: Yachats Rural Fire Protection District/So. Lincoln Ambulance	541-547-3266	541-547-3266
Other and State Agencies		
Oregon Department of Forestry (Toledo District)	541-265-4231	541-336-2273
Oregon Department of Transportation (Lincoln Co Highways)	503-362-0457	541-757-4211
Oregon State Police Dispatch and Newport Office	503-375-3555	541-265-5353
Pacific West Ambulance (ASA Zone 1, 2, 3 & 4)	541-574-5814	541-994-6690
South Lincoln Ambulance (ASA Zone 5)	541-547-3266	541-547-3266

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When to Call 911!

Lincoln County Sheriffs' Office – Emergency Management
When to Call 911

	Emergency Call 911 (Dispatch)	Non-Emergency Call Non-Emergency #	Other Agency Resources
	Any immediate danger to life, limb or property	**Non-Emergency Events**	**No Crime or Emergency Involved**
Examples	• House or building fires • Medical emergencies, i.e., chest pains, trauma injuries • Someone is threatening or attacking you • Crime in progress • Aggressive dog attack • You have heard gun shots in your area • Vehicle accidents • Impaired/unsafe driver	Concerns or to report: • Unpermitted neighborhood burning – yard debris, etc. • Lost or loose animals in your neighborhood • Noise disturbances • Vehicle break ins **See the Non-Emergency Phone Numbers for Dispatch Centers serving Lincoln County Communities*	• Non-emergency ambulance transfers • Copies of police/fire reports • Power outages • Driving directions or road closures (tripcheck.com) **See the Lincoln Co. Public Safety Info Sheet for additional contact numbers*
When calling from landline or cell phone	• Speak clearly, be calm – when a caller is upset, it is hard to understand what they are saying or to get vital information quickly • State which emergency service is needed and why (e.g. Fire, Police, Ambulance) • State your exact *physical* address (where you are at the time of the emergency) ○ *Mobile (cell) Phone Calls:* If you do not know the exact address look for landmarks, i.e., mile markers, addresses on mailboxes, street signs, highway signs, nearby parks, businesses, etc. • Stay on the line until your Call Taker tells you to disconnect *If calling from mobile (cell) phone and you are driving, pull to the side of the road and stop before calling*		
If you can't speak or hear when calling 911	• After dialing, leave the phone off the hook and make noise to let the Call Taker (Dispatcher) know you have an emergency • Calling from a landline (hard wired phone): Your address will appear on the call taker's screen • Calling from a mobile (cell) phone: The Call Taker may get latitude/longitude *close* to your location • Text-to- 911: Give clear identifiers to where you are located and what your emergency is		

Public Safety Tips	• Make sure your address is:
	  ○ Visible on the outside of your house or at roadway, especially at night
	  ○ Posted in your home for guests or babysitters to use if they are calling from a mobile phone
	• Teach children when to call 911, when not to and their home address; be sure a phone is within reach and they know where to find it
	• Keep mobile phones secure so they don't accidently call 911; but if that happens do not hang up, stay on the line and explain the situation to the Call Taker
	• Deactivated cell phones still call 911, they are not toys. Remove the battery if you can or keep them away from children		

Other Information	**Non-Emergency Dispatch Center Phone Numbers (Lincoln County)** • Located on the next page **State Highway Information - ODOT:** www.tripcheck.com or "511" on your mobile or landline phone		

Disclaimer: *This list is not all inclusive and should be seen only as a representation of call types/circumstances.*
Source: *Willamette Valley Communications Center and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office*

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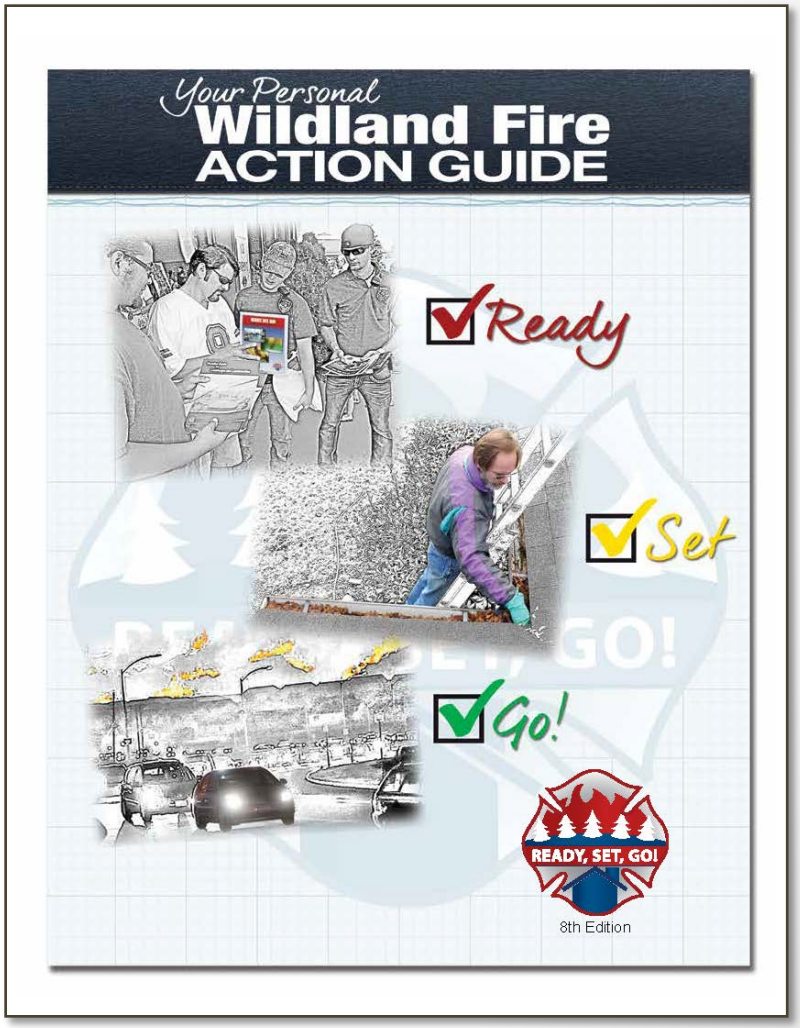
Wildfire Be Ready Tips

- **Emergency Notifications:**
  - **Update your profile** or sign-up for Lincoln County, Lincoln Alerts – emergency notifications

- **Know your evacuation: levels** [English] [Spanish] and steps to take:
  - Level 1 – Be READY
  - Level 2 – Be SET
  - Level 3 – GO NOW

Wildfire Be Ready Tips

- **Have a Plan in Place:**
  - Prepare for wildfires – Plan, Build a Go Kit, Communications
- **EARLY evacuation** is the key for those with pets, animals, access and functional needs households.
- **Comply with local warnings** about evacuations – **Don't wait** until the last minute to evacuate
- Don't underestimate **how fast fire progresses!**



Section D: ODF– Regulated Use Restrictions

Oregon Department of Forestry

MISSION

To serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon's forests to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.

VISION

- Healthy and resilient forested ecosystems and watersheds, with functional aquatic and terrestrial habitat, supporting vibrant local communities and providing quality outdoor opportunities for all Oregonians
- A workforce that reflects the diversity and values of Oregonians and a safe, inclusive, and supportive workplace that values all employees and allows them to reach their full potential in providing excellent public service.
- An organization and culture that responsibly and collaboratively manages the public resources to achieve the outcomes valued by Oregonians.
- An innovative and adaptable organization with sufficient resources and appropriate polices to achieve its mission.

VALUES

Diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our business •
Honesty and integrity •
Safety in the workplace •
Respectful, strong, collaborative relationships •
Engagement and cooperation of all Oregonians •
Leadership in professional forestry •
Innovation based on sound science •
Excellent, efficient, and effective service •
Individual initiative, effectiveness, and hard work •

Oregon Dept. of Forestry

- Oregon Department of Forestry covers all areas outside of City limits
- Contact your local fire district for specific restrictions, burn permits for your area
- Fire Season Requirements

Prevent human-caused wildfires

When fire season goes into effect, some activities in the great outdoors are prone to start fires. In an effort to prevent these fires from starting, the Oregon Department of Forestry and our partners impose restrictions pertaining to public and work related activities. Areas outside ODF protection, such as the USDA Forest Service, will provide links to other agency fire regulation information.

Check fire restrictions

Zoom in on the map, then click on your location. The sidebar will display fire restrictions and/or the proclamation.
For additional information, contact your local ODF office.

Check public fire restrictions

Check industrial fire restrictions

Prohibited during fire season

- Sky lanterns are prohibited year round throughout Oregon
- Use of exploding targets and tracer ammunition is prohibited
- Backyard debris burning is prohibited

Resources

- Fire season requirements for industrial operations
- Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL)

Public Fire Restrictions

Click on the map for current ODF public fire restrictions. Complete legal proclamation is below. Private Landowners and other agencies may have additional restrictions.Click here for industrial fire restrictions.

West Oregon District
High Fire Danger

- No Debris Burning
- Smoking in designated locations, vehicles on improved roads and boats in the water
- Campfires in designated locations
- Portable cooking stoves using liquified fuels OK
- No Fireworks
- No exploding targets, tracer ammunition or sky lanterns
- No mowing of dry, cured grass 10 am to 8 pm
- No power saws 10am to 8pm
- Equip each power saw with a shovel and fire extinguisher or gallon of water

Proclamation

If you need additional information, Contact your local ODF or Forest Protective Association office.

Public Fire Restrictions

Motor Vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on **improved** roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day	Allowed All Day
Motor Vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are restricted on **unimproved** roads, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
Firefighting Equipment is Required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel, one axe or pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2.5 lb. ABC or larger fire extinguisher.	Required at All Times	Required at All Times	Required at All Times	Required at All Times
Use of Fireworks is Prohibited	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times
Use of any other spark-emitting internal combustion engine not mentioned. When able, activities should be conducted in a cleared area* that has a charged garden hose, or one 2.5 pound or larger fire extinguisher available.	Allowed All Day	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
Sky Lanterns and Target Practice with tracer rounds or exploding targets is prohibited.	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times	Prohibited at All Times

*Cleared area means an area cleared of all flammable vegetation and debris in a 50' radius.

For more information on ODF West Oregon District:
https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx
Facebook- Oregon Department of Forestry – West Oregon District
Philomath Office: 24533 Alsea Hwy, (541) 929-3266
Dallas Office: 825 Oak Villa Road, (503) 934-8146
Toledo Office: 763 NW Forestry Rd, (541) 336-2273

Industrial Fire Restrictions

Section F:
Additional Resources

Build your survival skills &/or volunteer

- First Aid & CPR
- American Red Cross
- Amateur Radio (HAM)
- Medical Reserve Corps
- CERT Chapters of Lincoln Co.
- Map Your Neighborhood

medical reserve corps

Lincoln County Auxiliary Communications

American Red Cross
Cascades Region

CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Additional Resources: Lincoln Co.

- Lincoln Alerts
- Seasonal - Wildfire Readiness Information
- Active Wildfires – Lincoln County
- Current Conditions (all weather conditions)
- When to Call 911 and Public Safety Agency Contact Info
- Review the videos of our local readiness presentations:
  - Module 1 – Financial and Business Preparedness
  - Module 2 – Animal Preparedness
  - Module 3 – Property Protection by Understanding Wildfire Risk
  - Module 4 – Emergency Notifications and Evacuations
  - Module 5 – Sheltering with the American Red Cross and Medically Fragile Persons
  - Module 6 – Air Quality Considerations and Access and Functional Needs Persons Preparedness

Additional Resources

- State – Oregon:
  - Keep Oregon Green
  - Oregon State University Extension Service - Wildfire Wednesdays
  - Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office – Wildland Urban Interface
  - Oregon Department of Forestry – Fire Prevention
  - Oregon Health Authority – Prepare for Wildfire/Reducing Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke
  - Oregon Emergency Management – Oregon Wildfire Response
- State – California:
  - Ready for Wildfire
- Federal/National:
  - Ready.Gov
  - National Fire Protection Agency:
    - Fire Wise Community
    - Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
  - Ready, Set, Go Program
  - American Red Cross

Questions!