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Structural threat lessens on the High Cascades Complex

Firefighters made excellent progress on the numerous fires known as the High Cascades Complex last night and early this morning reducing the threat to residences and other structures. This progress will allow the state fire marshal task forces to demobilize and turn over structural protection to local agencies this afternoon. Demobilization of the OSFM task forces will begin at 6 p.m.

Approximately 290 structures were threatened, with 190 of those being residences. Due to the efforts of the structural protection forces, no homes were lost to the fire, however three outbuildings were destroyed.

Current estimated acreage burned is 101,292.

Highway 26 is now open but there are plans for temporary closures when needed for suppression activities. Check www.tripcheck.com for current highway information. The closure of recreation activities along the Deschutes River has been lifted. The level 3 mandatory evacuation for three residences in the Dry Hollow area south of the West Hills Fire has been lowered to Level 1, and a level 1 pre-evacuation notice is still in effect for the Sidwalter, County Line Road, and Seekseequa neighborhoods.

River access information will continue to be posted on the boater pass website (www.boaterpass.com) and on the High Cascades Complex Fire information website (www.inciweb.org/2546) and will inform river users of any additional changes

The OSFM deployed approximately 130 personnel and 51 pieces of firefighting apparatus to assist with structural protection, including 11 incident management team members from Albany Fire Department, Bend Fire Department, Eugene Fire & EMS, Hillsboro Fire Department, Jefferson Rural Fire District, Keno Fire District, Portland Fire & Rescue, Scio Rural Fire Protection District, and South Lane County Fire & Rescue.

Following is a list of fire agencies that were members of task forces deployed to assist with the structural protection on the High Cascades Complex:

Albany Fire Department
Boring Fire District
Brownsville Fire Rural Fire District
Canby Rural Fire Protection District
Clackamas County Fire District #1
Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District
Coburg Rural Fire Protection District
Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Cornelilus Fire Department
Dayton Fire Department
Dundee Fire Department
Estacada Rural Fire District #69
Hillsboro Fire Department
Hood River Fire District
Hubbard Rural Fire Protection District
Lafayette Fire Department
Lane County Fire District #1
Lane Rural Fire & Rescue
Lebanon Fire District
Marion County Fire District
McKenzie Fire & Rescue
Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue
Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District
Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District
Newberg Fire Department
Odell Rural Fire Protection District
Parkdale Rural Fire Protection District
Sandy Fire Rural Fire Protection District #72
Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District
Stayton Rural Fire Protection District
Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District
Tangent Rural Fire Protection District
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
Turner Fire District
Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District
Washington County Fire District #2
West Side Rural Fire Protection District
West Valley Fire District
Woodburn Fire District

More information on Conflagration and Emergency Mobilization is available at OSFM website:

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Oregon_Mob_Plan.shtml.

Additional resources on surviving wildfires may be accessed at:

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/CommEd_WUI.shtml