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State Fire Marshal Active in 11 Conflagrations Statewide

On Sept. 7, an unprecedented wind event began across the Northwest in the early evening. Winds from the east gusted up to 50 mph across the state of Oregon, fanning the flames of existing large fires on the landscape.

The Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS), made up by the Oregon structural fire service, worked nonstop, from the initial onset of fires beginning the evening of Sept. 7 and throughout the following days.

In accordance with ORS 476.510 - 476.610, Governor Kate Brown determined that threats to life, safety and property existed due to fire, and those threats exceeded the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment. The Governor's statewide Conflagration Act declaration authorized the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal to mobilize resources to assist local resources battling the fire.

"We have structural firefighters from across the state working around the clock to save lives and homes," said State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple. "The Oregon Fire Mutual Aid system provided initial attack to fires throughout Oregon to provide basic life safety and structural protection with the primary focus of saving lives. The state's mutual aid system has proven critical during this historic series of events."

Eleven incidents were declared conflagrations over the past week, including a statewide Conflagration Act declaration, where the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System was able to surge resources for assistance. The statistics provided below are current as of Sept. 12.

- 1. **Beachie Creek**: Several communities in Marion, Linn and Clackamas Counties. 188,374 acres. 0 percent contained. 37,032 structures threatened.
- 2. **Holiday Farm**: Along Hwy 126 west of McKenzie Bridge to Vida in Lane County. 161,872 acres. 5 percent contained. 23,556 structures threatened.
- 3. **Two Four Two**: Chiloquin in Klamath County. 14,450 acres. 10 percent contained. 1,278 structures threatened.
- 4. **Almeda Drive**: Ashland to Medford in Jackson County. 3,200 acres. 60 percent contained. 16,763 structures threatened.
- 5. **South Obenchain**: Eagle Point and nearby communities in Jackson County. 25,000 acres. 20 percent contained. 4,175 structures threatened.
- 6. **Archie Creek**: Steamboat Springs to Glide on Hwy 138 in Douglas County. 115,857 acres. 10 percent contained. 1,856 structures threatened.
- 7. **Slater**: Happy Camp, CA north to O'Brien in Josephine County. 122,006 acres. 0 percent contained. 900 structures threatened.

- 8. **Riverside**: Estacada, Molalla, Sandy and surrounding rural communities in Clackamas County.132,526 acres. 0 percent contained. 172,972 structures threatened.
- 9. **North Cascades Complex**: Communities in rural Clackamas County. 2,060 acres, 0 percent contained, 65 structures.
- 10. **Lionshead**: Marion and Jefferson Counties and Warm Springs Reservation. 138,718 acres. 5 percent contained. 340 structures threatened.
- 11. **PowerLine**: Cherry Grove in Washington County. 126 acres. 100 structures threatened. OSFM has since disengaged from this incident.

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