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Structural threat lessens at North River Road Conflagration

Current fire conditions on the North River Road Conflagration, burning just outside the city of Rogue River, are stabilizing. If conditions continue to improve, structural task forces from Klamath and Lane counties sent to help protect threatened homes, will begin demobilizing Saturday morning, August 20.

The fire is approximately 425 acres and 40% contained. The cause is under investigation.

Oregon State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace urges Oregonians to use extreme caution when participating in outdoor activities. Temperatures across Oregon are rising and fuel loads are drying out, creating increased fire danger.

Last night Governor John Kitzhaber declared the North River Road fire, burning just outside the city of Rogue River, a conflagration. The declaration authorized the state fire marshal to mobilize firefighters and equipment to assist local resources battling the fire.

Oregon's conflagration may be invoked only by the Governor and allows the State Fire Marshal to dispatch structural firefighters and equipment. 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_WAW.shtml