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Fire near Williams in Josephine County declared a conflagration

At 5:17 p.m., Governor John Kitzhaber declared the Pacifica fire, burning just outside the community of Williams in Josephine County, a conflagration. The declaration authorized the state fire marshal to mobilize structural firefighters and equipment to assist local resources battling the fire and working to protect structures.

The request for the conflagration was made by Josephine Fire Defense Board Chief Dan Petersen.

The fire is approximately 500 acres. Approximately 150 homes are threatened. A voluntary evacuation is underway. The state fire marshal office has activated command and control elements of the Blue Incident Management team to manage the structural protection resources that have been deployed.

Structural task forces from Lane and Linn counties are on their way to the fire tonight. Two more task forces are scheduled to leave Saturday morning to assist with structural protection.

One outbuilding and one vehicle are confirmed destroyed.

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 And emergency mobilization is 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