



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 31- September 6, 2015

[Message from the Director](#) –

- OEM Director Andrew Phelps discusses September being National Preparedness Month.

ECC –

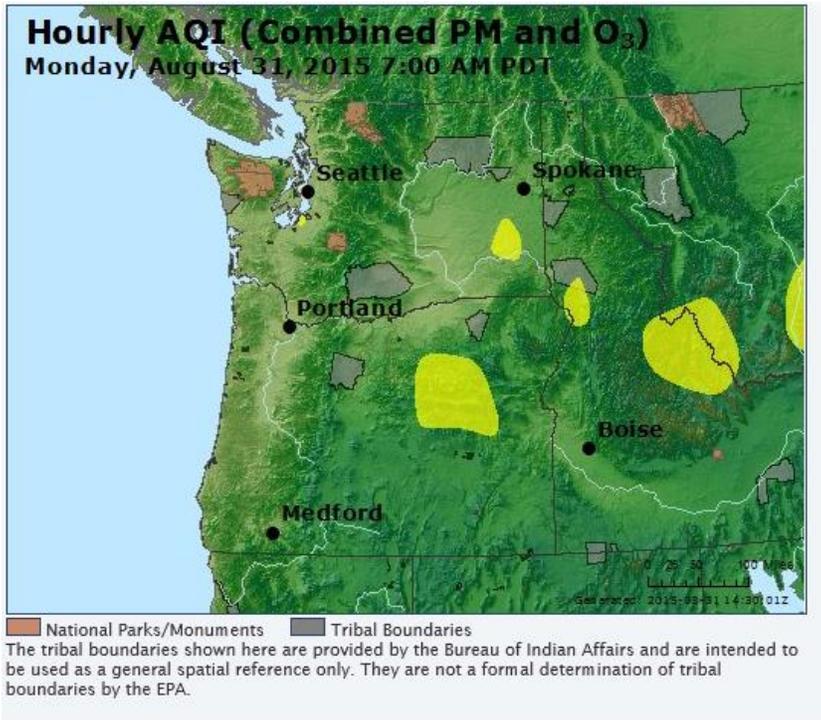
- The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. OEM staff continues to monitor the fires, and all requests for assistance have returned to normal Duty Officer procedures of notifying OERS at 1-800-452-0311.

Wildfires –

- The 11,908-acre **Eagle Complex** 20 miles NW of Richland, Oregon, is seven percent contained. The lightning-caused fires are currently staffed with 328 total personnel. Resources include: nine hand crews, 14 fire engines, four water tenders, seven bulldozers and five helicopters.
- The 85,960-acre **Canyon Creek Complex** south of John Day is 44 percent contained. The lightning-caused fires are located one mile south of John Day and Canyon City. Afternoon winds Wednesday coupled with hot, dry conditions caused expansion and triggered evacuations in the Pine Creek area.
- The **Eldorado Fire** and **Cornet-Windy Ridge Complex** – The Eldorado Fire five miles SE of Unity is 20,635 acres and 80 percent contained. The Cornet-Windy Ridge Complex 16 miles south of Baker City is 103,887 acres and 85 percent contained.
- Mop-up continues on the 26-acre **August Fire** in the Forest Grove District. The fire lines appear to be secure, but ODF will continue to manage the fire for the possibility of dry easterly winds in September. Cause is under investigation.
- The 71,959-acre **Grizzly Bear Complex** is 10 percent contained. The lightning-caused fires are burning 20 miles SE of Dayton, Wash., and near Troy, Ore., in the Northeast Oregon District.
- The 24,452-acre **Stouts Creek Fire** is 86 percent contained. The human-caused fire is burning 16 miles east of Canyonville. No perimeter growth is expected.
- The 337-acre **Falls Creek Fire** is uncontained. It is burning five miles south of Joseph.

Air Quality –

- Due to reduced temperatures and precipitation, most of the state is back into the Good category.



- There is an Air Quality Alert for areas east of the Cascades

Weather –

- Monday – 70’s for the majority of the state.
- Tuesday – 70’s for the western portion of the state, low 80’s in eastern Oregon. Chance of precipitation for the valley.
- Wednesday – upper 60’s to lower 70’s for the majority of the state. Chance of precipitation for the valley.
- Thursday – upper 60’s to lower 70’s for the majority of the state.
- Friday – mid 60’s to lower 70’s for the majority of the state. Small chance of precipitation for the state.
- Saturday – mid 60’s to mid 70’s for the majority of the state.
- Sunday – mid to upper 70’s for the majority of the state.

You can view the weekly forecast here: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/oregonWeek.php#tabs>.

- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

In the News –

- [Crews making progress as they battle Oregon wildfires](#)
- [USFS Spends \\$10M Per Day On Wildfires In Oregon](#)
- [Governor declares Linn County drought emergency](#)
- [Oregon officials add up fire damage to obtain federal aid](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/index.aspx>
- [Summer 2015 Oregon Road Projects](#)

Identification of Cyber Threats and Hazards Webinar

- Designed to assist critical infrastructure owners and operators, physical security and information security professionals, Chief Information Officers, risk managers, business continuity planners, IT directors, human

resource professionals, and local homeland security and emergency management staff in their efforts to enhance the preparation, security, and resilience of their facilities and assets.

- Two options for the webinar:
 - Wednesday Sep 9 – 8-9 am PT - [Registration Link](#)
 - Tuesday, Sep 22 – 10:30-11:30 PT – [Registration Link](#)
- Coordinated by the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection, is co-sponsored by FBI/InfraGard, private-industry-focused Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3), and the State/Local, Tribal, Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC).

Training –

- For new training opportunities view the [training calendar](#)
- Updated protocols for NIMS/ICS Training can be found at:
http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/plans_train/train_exercise.aspx

Exercises –

- Cascadia Rising Exercise Mid-term Planning Meeting (MPM) Sept. 16, at Camp Withycombe.
 - Contact Bill Martin to register: bill.martin@state.or.us
- Cyberstorm V – Dept. of Homeland Security exercise series to strengthen cyber preparedness in the public and private sectors. A two-day tabletop exercise where representatives from a variety of state departments and agencies assess their cyber response plans. Tentatively scheduled for second week of March, 2016.
- The next ECC Operations exercise is scheduled for November 12, 2015, 0900-1300. Focus will be on Core Capabilities: Operational Coordination, Operational Communication, Critical Transportation, to include other critical infrastructure. The following ESF, will be primary players:
 - ESF-1 Transportation
 - ESF-2 Communications
 - ESF-3 Public Works
 - ESF-5 Information and Planning

Community Engagement –

- September is National Preparedness Month. Here is the [proclamation](#) for Oregon from Governor Kate Brown.
- With September being the 12th Annual National Preparedness Month, public safety agencies are busy working on a number of events to ensure that their communities are educated, informed and ready to face any type of crisis.
 - This year, Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency will find many heroes by launching its huge online social media game called the 30 Days, 30 Ways Preparedness Challenge which has its own website at www.30days30ways.com.
- It's Time to Get Ready:

Saturday, September 12, 2015:

- Get Ready Salem – 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the State Capitol State Park Grounds in Salem.
- Get Ready Lincoln County – Noon to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Newport.
- Get Ready Vancouver – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CRESA Building, 710 W. 13th Street in Vancouver.
- Get Ready Happy Valley – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City of Happy Valley's city hall outdoor area.
- Get Ready Coos Bay – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coos Bay Fire Department, 450 Elrod Ave in Coos Bay.

Saturday, September 19, 2015:

- Get Ready The Dalles – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, 1400 W. 8th Street in The Dalles.
- Get Ready North Coast – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lum's Auto Center, 1605 SE Ensign Lane in Warrenton.
- OEM is looking for letters of support from ShakeOut Partners, Organizers, Sponsors, and others for the [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
 - Here are examples of [past letters](#) if you are interested.
 - For more information contact Althea Rizzo (althea.rizzo@state.or.us)
- [Registration](#) is now open for the 2nd Annual [Race the Wave](#) in Cannon Beach, Sept. 13.

- 5/10k run/walk on tsunami route.
- Prep fair after with giveaways at emergency supply cache above inundation zone.

9-1-1 Program –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT) and the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS) continue to meet for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- The Frame Relay Replacement Project Executive Sponsor has assembled a seven (7) member RFP evaluation committee. The committee met on Friday August 28, 2015 for vendor presentations. The next action anticipated is an intent to award a contract.
- In an effort to better communicate with our stakeholders regarding the project, the Project Management Team continues to update the OEM web site. The link is as follows:
<http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/or911/Oregon-911-Frame-Relay-Replacement-Project.aspx>

Grants –

- HMGP for DR-1824 (2008 Severe Winter Storm) is now in the close-out phase with FEMA.
- FEMA continues to review and obligate funding for HMGP projects from DR- 4169 (February 2014 Severe Winter Storm).
- The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs for Federal Fiscal Year were announced by FEMA on May 29 with the opening of the application period.
- The State's grant application to FEMA is due August 28. If you have questions, please contact Dennis Sigrist at 503-378-2911 x22247 or dennis.j.sigrist@state.or.us

Planning –

- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.
- The new version of the Cascadia Playbook is here.
 - In order to receive a new Playbook, you will need to turn in the expired Playbook.
 - To coordinate your "Playbook Swap", please contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x22233 or zach.swick@state.or.us.

Preparedness Tip –

- September is [National Preparedness Month](#). This year we are asking you to take action now – [make a plan](#) with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community. We ask everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, [National PrepareAthon!Day](#), which culminates National Preparedness Month on September 30.

Now Hiring –

- Providence St. Vincent Medical Center is hiring an Emergency Management [Coordinator](#).
- OEM Technology and Response Section has an ISS 5 9-1-1 Program [Analyst](#) vacancy.
- Salem-Keizer Public Schools is hiring an Emergency Management [Specialist](#).
- OEM has a Public Private Community Affairs Liaison vacancy. An announcement will be made once this position has posted.
- Samaritan Health Services is hiring an Emergency Management Program Specialist. To view announcement, please visit Samaritan Health's employment [site](#).

Disaster of the Week –

September 2, 1859: A [coronal mass ejection](#) (CME, sometimes referred to as a solar storm or space weather) [caused a huge solar flare](#) that disrupted telegraph systems across Europe and North America, and even caused some telegraph operators to receive electrical shocks. This flare, named the Carrington Event after the amateur astronomer [Richard Carrington](#) who first observed the flare, caused an aurora so bright that it was seen as far south as the Caribbean, and there were reports of gold miners in Colorado waking up and making breakfast at 2:00 AM, thinking the sun had already

risen. **Lessons learned:** Many scientists and space weather experts believe that a solar flare similar to the Carrington Event, if it were to occur today, [could have a devastating impact on our communication and energy infrastructure](#). In 1859 electricity was not widely relied upon and radio communications (not to mention satellite-based communications) were not yet invented. Today, however, a large solar flare could interrupt electrical transmission lines, collapse entire power grids, disrupt Global Positioning Satellite and other navigation systems, and cause cellular and radio communication outages. While this may sound like a doomsday scenario, there are a number of things that can be done to reduce the impact of a severe solar storm. Establishing redundant power supplies (like portable generators or solar panels) and back-up communications systems will help alleviate the impact of space weather, as will adhering to [general emergency preparedness recommendations](#) like maintaining an adequate supply of emergency drinking water, non-perishable foods, and battery-powered flashlights and am/fm radios. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has established a [Space Weather Prediction Center](#) to assist in predicting solar flares. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the impact of solar flares and space weather.