

FIRE: Cause of blaze is under investigation

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responded to assist.

All residents of the home were evacuated before firefighters arrived. All of the family's pets were safely removed from the home.

Within minutes of the arrival of the first fire units, the fire moved from the first floor, through the second floor and into the attic, venting through the roof.

According to Cloverdale firefighters, the residence is composed of lightweight engineered wood construction. Due to the construction style and components, firefighters encountered many hidden pockets of fire in the floors, attic, and interior walls.

Efforts to fight the fire from the interior of the building were unsuccessful, in part due to a collapse of the roof, which fell through both upper stories and into the basement, the fire department reported. The collapse prevented firefighters from accessing the fire in the basement.

A structural engineer from the Deschutes County Building Department assessed the building and declared it to be unsafe for firefighters to enter due to



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Marcus Peck works a water tender; one of those that made relays to fight a major fire at a home east of Sisters.

the potential for further collapse. Firefighters fought the fire from the exterior of the building throughout the night and into Monday afternoon. With the help of heavy equipment from the Deschutes County Road Department and Robinson-Owens Construction, firefighters were able to extinguish all the hidden fire by Monday afternoon.

Fire Chief Thad Olsen could provide no estimate of damage. One family member suffered minor burns and was treated at the scene. There were no firefighter injuries.

Chief Olsen expressed his gratitude for all of the assistance provided by allied agencies during this incident.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Cloverdale Fire District and the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office.

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Van Gogh.

"It was where Vincent Van Gogh was institutionalized. The building is a centuries-old monastery, and in 1889 he

was confined to the grounds of the asylum for one year," McCann told *The Nugget*. "He walked out of that stark existence to the outside world where there was a garden. He created a few of his famous paintings out in the courtyard when he was there. He loved the nature of being outdoors and talked about it in letters he wrote to his brothers."



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