

FIREWORKS: Local subdivisions ban fireworks use

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and most other public lands. "Fireworks compound the threat to already dry forests," said Keep Oregon Green President Kristin Babbs. "Enjoy fireworks where they belong: on the pavement — safely away from houses, vehicles, and flammable vegetation." Fireworks are banned in all subdivisions in the area around Sisters. Oregon law prohibits

possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the OSFM. Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman Candles, and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon, without a permit.

There were 192 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon during 2016, resulting in more than \$519,000 in property damage. Over the past five years, from 2012 through 2016, there were 944 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon resulting in one death and more than \$2.1

million in property damage. Officials may seize illegal fireworks and fine offenders up to \$500 per violation. Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire-suppression costs or other damage. Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children. "All Oregonians share the responsibility to use only consumer-legal fireworks and use them carefully," adds Walker. "And we encourage you to be aware and considerate of neighbors and their pets, before deciding on

when and where you choose to light fireworks." The OSFM encourages everyone to use the four Bs of safe fireworks use:

- Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.
- Be aware: use only legal fireworks, and use them only in legal places.

Agenda

Sisters City Council, City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave., Wed., June 28, 6:30 p.m.

- Public hearing — Ordinance 477: Authorizing the playing and conducting of social games in private businesses, private clubs, and/or places of public accommodation within the City of Sisters, and imposing a license requirement.
- Public hearing: Resolution adopting changes to master fee schedule.
- Public hearing: Resolution adopting supplemental budget and making appropriations.



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