

FIRE: Fire on Black Crater poses safety challenges

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Lake. The Milli Fire received a load of seven rappellers on Sunday, who worked to secure the heel of the fire into the Black Crater Lake fire scar. Other resources assigned to the Milli Fire include a 15-person hand crew, four dozers, and two excavators.

For up-to-date information on closures on the Pacific Crest Trail and reroute options, visit <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-conditions-and-closures/>. The following areas are temporarily closed for public safety:

- Forest Road 1018 is closed from Highway 242 to Forest Road 15.

- Forest Road 1520 is closed from Forest Road 1018 to Forest Road 15. The



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The Milli Fire on Black Crater poses safety challenges for firefighters.

Millican Crater Trailheads located at Lava Camp Lake and Forest Road 1024 are closed.

- The Scott Pass Trailhead located on Forest Road 1026 is closed. Black Crater Trailhead located off Highway 242 is closed.

- Whispering Pine campground located at the junction of Forest Road 1018 and 1520 is closed.

The Nugget will continue to update on the local fires at www.nuggetnews.com and on Facebook.

Commemorative coin marks eclipse

From T-shirts to hats, the souvenir trade is in high gear in an effort to commemorate the August 21 total eclipse. Mountain High Coins in Bend has tapped their long-standing expertise to create a unique artifact of the event: a black nickel challenge coin featuring a specially colorized image of the eclipsed sun's corona with a map of the path of totality across Oregon on the reverse.

"We did the black nickel route to keep the price point down (\$20 as opposed to \$125)," said Colleen McGrew of Mountain High Coins. She also noted that, unlike silver, the nickel presents no issues with tarnishing.

They've also created T-shirts with a design that changes color in the sunlight.

McGrew's parents,

Michael and Carolyn Graham, lived for many years on Holmes Road east of Sisters and they've operated Mountain High Coins in the same location on 3rd Street in Bend for the past 25 years. A family of numismatists, they have broad interests and expertise in all manner of coins and also in estate jewelry.

The idea for the commemorative coin harkens back to a similar run they made in honor of the Bend Rockies several years ago.

"We sold out," McGrew said. "It was huge."

She and her husband, Dan, who designed the eclipse coin, thought there would be similar interest in a unique souvenir of the eclipse. They'll have their products at eclipse events in Madras and on the coast. McGrew will be manning



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Unique nickel coins commemorate the August 21 eclipse.

the store on the day of the eclipse and is hoping she gets a moment to go outside and observe the phenomenon her work is commemorating.

For more information call 541-385-7113.

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