

Fires force dozens of Oregon hikers to shelter

HOOD RIVER (AP) — Growing wildfires forced about 140 hikers in Oregon to shelter in place overnight on a popular trail about 90 miles (144.83 kilometers) east of Portland after they got stuck between two blazes.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported a new fire ignited about 4 p.m. Saturday about a mile up the Eagle Creek Trail from the Eagle Creek Trailhead. Further up the trail, another fire was burning.

Fire spokeswoman Mary Huels said a crew of about 18 firefighters who had been assigned to the south end of the older fire as lookouts were keeping track of the people in the area and getting them to safe areas.

Search and rescue crews planned to help the hikers evacuate Sunday.

Three other hikers in a different area nearby were rescued by helicopter Saturday evening.

Senior Alliance meets in Sisters

A new group, Senior Alliance, led by senior citizen Joann Power, with the support of Robyn Holdman of Citizens4Community, is seeking to form a steering committee to pursue making Sisters an ideal community for the welfare of all senior citizens.

Those in the community sharing this vision and interested in working toward that goal will be invited to participate in a “community conversation” this fall. To participate, provide their name, telephone number and email address at lulok3@hotmail.com.

The steering committee will conduct research on gaps for service, encourage collaborative efforts, identify funding, and plan the Community Conversation this fall.

A meeting of many providers of services to seniors in Sisters was held on August 24 at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, hosted by Father Joseph Farber. Information was shared by 35 attendees about the many resources present in

Sisters and about the issues and needs of seniors in this community.

Shannon Rakowski of SPRD and Heather Miller of the Sisters-Camp Sherman fire department told of plans for the Senior Health Fair to be held on October 20 at a location to be determined. It will be an opportunity for all citizens of Sisters to investigate what resources are available to Sisters’ seniors and others to live in this community into their older ages. Senior Alliance will have a booth there, among others.

Developer Peter Hoover announced at the August 24 meeting that he is planning to break ground for an assisted living facility as soon as he contracts with a construction company. He hopes that takes place soon and completion can be late summer or fall of 2018.

In other news, Mosaic Medical Center in Bend will send a mobile medical van to service Sisters twice a week. It is to be parked at the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank.

Flags of honor...



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Sisters veterans groups raised flags in honor of law enforcement last month, and this month in honor of Labor Day, Patriot’s Day (September 11), and POW/MIA Day (September 15).

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