

LIGHTNING:
When thunder roars,
get indoors

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lightning discharge, but no active fire. The main home had damage to gutters, roofing and wiring damage, while the Airbnb structure had darkening/charring to the corner of the home with wiring damage as well. Three large pine trees on the property also sustained damage from a lightning strike removing bark and large areas of live woody material.

The second incident, just a short time later, was reported when a homeowner on East Coyote Springs Road called 911 after lightning struck their home. No smoke or flames were visible to arriving units, and damage to this structure was limited to the



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A lightning strike hit an Airbnb structure, knocking everything off the walls and sparking a small blaze.

front entry roof and structural beams.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District responded with seven firefighters and three emergency vehicles to the first incident and one unit and four firefighters to the second incident. Due to there being no active fire at either incident, the responding units performed investigation on each property looking for hot spots with a thermal imaging

camera and advised homeowners/residents to be aware of any suspicious odors or electrical problems.

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District reminds Sisters residents that there is no safe place outside when thunderstorms are in the area. If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance of the storm. Just remember: when thunder roars, go indoors.

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opening of Highway 242 on June 17.

In its earliest incarnation, the event was known as Ride For Two Rivers. The National Forest Foundation had provided match-based grant funding for work on Whychus Creek and the Metolius River, and as a celebration and fundraiser in support of those efforts, cycling advocate Jerry Norquist organized the event. The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce managed the event for a number of years, before handing the reins over to Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD), which runs it with support from Sisters Trails Alliance (STA).

The ride is also conducted in memory of Bjarne Holm, who passed away after serving the Sisters community as a dedicated ride volunteer for many years. The route offers some of the most majestic scenery in Central Oregon.

“I think the McKenzie Highway is one of the

premier cycling rides,... in the country,” said Chuck Humphreys, an STA volunteer and frequent participant in the Crest the Cascades ride. “You start in the high desert, and you end up in this dense fir forest on the other side.”

He noted that the return up the west side offers some climbs that “make you feel like you’re in a professional European race.”

Humphreys noted that the Milli Fire has changed the landscape on the east end of the ride. Much of the forest is burned — but the trade-off for blackened landscape is much broader vistas.

“It’s just magical when you get to the top and go to the other side,” he said.

Proceeds of the event provide funding for recreational activities and programs for Sisters youth, seniors, and all ages in between. Anyone interested in volunteering on ride day can contact crestthecascades@gmail.com. There are set-up, aid-station and rider-support positions available.

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