

Preparation

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The Biscuit fire made an impact on how the Schriebers set up their new home.

"You have to be prepared," Cedric said as he described how meticulous his fuel reduction was.

"The state will come in and tell you what you need to do, they (the state) will even help pay for it."

In addition to the brush removal, Schriebers have access roads all over their property for escape routes to go along with the hydrants and a 2 thousand gallon water tank. "We have been making this place defensible for years, and it's working," Cedric said.

Patricia went on to mention that people need to have crates ready for their animals to go into during an evacuation situation.

"When an animal is scared if you think you can hold them in your lap, you are fooling yourself."

The Schriebers collected their heirlooms, cats and dogs, putting them in one of their cars. With the car running and the air conditioning on, in case they had to leave in a hurry, then they went back to protecting their home.

"The flare ups were terrifying," Patricia said, with Cedric adding, "It's all about preparation, and we were prepared."

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With a nine-member commission appointed by the governor, the OBDD works to create, retain, expand and attract businesses that provide sustainable, living wage jobs for Oregonians through public-private partnerships, leveraged funding and support of economic opportunities for Oregon companies and entrepreneurs.

Forty people are currently on the job helping to prepare for Rough & Ready's reopening. Soon, a total of 70 people are expected to be employed, according to Jennifer Phillippi.

"All the jobs are coming soon," Phillippi said.

To gain a Certificate of Occupancy, a key permit needed to open the mill's doors to new business, a number of safety systems must be in place.

"They are progressing rapidly now," said Josephine County Building Safety Director Robert Rice. "The mill's engineer is sending me fire plans and

sprinkler and structural reports. They've been installing the sprinkler systems and repairing some pumps that didn't work properly and plan to have the systems functioning this week for the new building."

Rice added that the mill is moving forward with safety improvements on its older buildings as well.

"I'm very happy that they are making attempts to correct years of non-compliance with fire and life-safety codes," said Illinois Valley Fire District Chief Dennis Hoke.

The Building Safety department, Hoke, and Deputy State Fire Marshall Charlie Chase perform the inspections required for the Certificate of Occupancy.

Josephine County officials administer state codes and have no authority to waive or alter these standards; however, County Commissioner Cheryl Walker explained that any time a business (or

private residence) is out of compliance with building codes, that it is county policy to work with people to help resolve issues.

"We met with the Phillippis and worked out an agreement a few weeks ago," said Walker. "We've put together a step-process to get the various buildings into compliance and operating. And as long as they are working with the governor's office and the governor's office is satisfied with the progress, we will continue to work with them at the county level."

"The construction and development of the new mill isn't the only task on the Phillippis' table," Walker added. "It's a huge effort. They are also busy setting up trucking, timber purchasing, marketing, rehiring employees and all the other aspects of the mill business. And we're all thrilled that the mill is so close to opening. These jobs are critically important to the community."

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The dispensary's advantage to patients is in assuring they will be getting the correct concentrations without the added burden of herbicides or pesticides. For example, the Millers carry "Harlequin" which has been bred for very low THC (the element that gets people high) at 4 percent and 11 percent Canibidol (CBD), which is particularly effective against Gran Mal seizures and inflammation disorders. Other strains might offer more Canabinol (CBN), CBC or CBG.

"We'll be working with our patients to help them find the correct formula for their particular needs and we'll help them find good, responsible growers," Lee said.

Oregon is the only state that also requires extra mold and mildew culture tests, which run between \$75 and \$175 per test depending on the lab. The Millers will also be offering edibles and tinctures.

"We're a connecting point between registered growers and new patients," Echo said.

The law requires the growers' current patients to sign off on allowing excess cannabis to be dispensed through the facility. In keeping with her Native American heritage, Echo also plans to offer sage, sweet grass and other Native American herbs, teas and tinctures.

"It's crazy that people are so paranoid about legalizing our county's biggest crop," Lee said. "This is the best place in the country to grow marijuana. It should be taxed and regulated so Josephine County can be prosperous again."

The new business is located at 18248 Redwood Highway and can be reached at 541-291-2639. The website is Sacred-FlowerMedicinals.com.

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Wind-cast embers or creeping ground fires can ignite fuels in this zone, carrying flames to the structure. Once fire is underway, it follows the fuel, whether that fuel is dry grass, trees or buildings.

Landscaping should be maintained within 100 feet of the house and "fuel breaks" such as driveways, gravel walkways and green lawns are good, to help stop advancing fire by starving it of flammable vegetation. Create ample spacing between trees and shrubs and prune trees up six to ten feet from the ground. Plants near homes should be low-growing and well irrigated.

"Be sure we can find your address," Hoke said. "Driveways

need to be well-marked and there must be room for our big trucks to turn around. Also, driveways need to be clear. Shrubs should be trimmed back from the driveway, trees limbed up and brush cleared away."

It's best to chip brush from these projects, but if that's not possible, create brush piles well away from the home, preferably in open fields away from trees or other live shrubs.

For more information about ODF's fire season regulations or for more fire safety tips, call (541) 474-3152 or the IV Fire District at (541) 592-2225. To track wildfire activity, go to <http://www.swofire.com>.

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