

Bigfoot asks for your help protecting his home

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal's Bigfoot: Believe in Fire Safety campaign, asking Oregonians to protect their communities by preventing wildfires, has expanded for the 2020 fire season, collaborating with fire agency partners.

Now in its second season, the OSFM's popular messenger, Bigfoot, continues to be seen on highway billboards, entrances to campgrounds, on beaches, in Oregon airports, on Portland metro-area buses and on social media shared by residents, visitors, businesses and fire agencies.

"Fire prevention education plays a critical role in reducing the impact of human-caused wildfires in Oregon, particularly in areas at the highest risk — the wildland urban interface," said Claire McGrew, assistant chief deputy. "Our campaign began in 2019. Because of its appeal to many Oregonians and visitors, our office expanded it for 2020. Bigfoot is an icon beloved by many Oregonians, and firefighting and resource management agencies have enthusiastically welcomed the region's new friend in wildfire prevention."

To reduce the number of incidents for the 2020 fire season, OSFM pushed out its "Bigfoot in box" media kits to more than 140 fire agency partners statewide. These included Bigfoot stickers; pop-up Bigfoot displays; and information on yard debris removal, campfire safety, recreational vehicles and wildfire prevention — all to support ongoing community-based prevention education. On its website, the OSFM is sharing more than

20 new and downloadable images for 2020, showing Bigfoot responsibly extinguishing campfires, clearing defensible space and recreating in familiar Oregon natural areas. Messages for July focus on campfire safety, fire risks from motor vehicles, outdoor grilling and more.

Bigfoot billboards encouraging travelers to "protect your community" and "prevent wildfires" can be seen on Interstate 5 in southern Oregon, on Interstate 84 in Portland, on State Highway 97 near Bend and State Highways 20/26 at 101, near Cairo. The sign near Cairo is now in its second year, through a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management.

The U.S. Forest Service based in Prineville is displaying the OSFM's mobile Bigfoot billboard at various locations in central Oregon. In the Portland metro region, the OSFM has teamed up with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, which placed a Bigfoot image on Metro buses in its service area with the tagline, "What do we say to wildfire...not today." Clackamas Fire District No. 1 has used outdoor Bigfoot images throughout the county.

On the Oregon Coast, North Lincoln Fire & Rescue

placed Bigfoot on stickers affixed to beach buckets, as part of its efforts to reduce injuries from beach campfires and to remind tourists to put out their campfires. The Corvallis Fire Department turned the Bigfoot stand-up character into a larger than life cardboard pop-up that is being moved around town for fire prevention education efforts all summer.

The Sublimity Rural Fire Protection District's volunteer firefighters are wearing Bigfoot T-shirts saying "believe in fire safety" to help spread the word about fire safety and prevention.

Bigfoot images can also be found in Portland International Airport (check the baggage terminal area to do a selfie) and the Redmond and Eugene airports.

The OSFM continues to encourage Oregonians to share Bigfoot's message to "believe in fire safety" with the hashtag #BelieveInFireSafety.

To learn more about wildfire prevention and preparedness, or to find and download your favorite Bigfoot image and spread the word, visit the OSFM website. You can also follow the OSFM and Bigfoot on the OSFM Facebook and Twitter pages.

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In his first four year term, our Dear Leader stopped of all those fake refugee foreigner rapists and drug dealers from invading our great country, now it is time to prevent all of the fake Americans, who call themselves citizens, from taking our rights and our independence away. Real Americans are sick and tired of all the polarity and partisan bickering that has been going on. Why do we need two parties anyway, Trump's party should be good enough, right? Just listen to those fake Americans and the fake news media, all they do every day is talk trash about the President just to stir up trouble with the kids. Now it's about time that we remove those kids from all that un-American baloney before they get brainwashed too. Kids like to go away to camp anyway.

These un-American radical socialist Democrats need to shut up, and if they won't, then put them away where they can't cause any more damage to our freedoms. We are going to need a National Police force now to protect us when the ultra liberal local cops don't do their jobs to protect the real Americans. There are plenty of regular folks around here who are sick and tired of the radicals running down our country and they will be glad to help out, too. Wearing uniforms and driving in cop cars only warns the bad guys and lets them get away; the National Police should operate in secrecy so they can perform more arrests.

All of those vandals who are trying to tear down monuments erected to show our proud heritage should also be rounded up and sent packing

before they can cause any more trouble. Columbus discovered America; everybody knows that, unless you're really stupid. We need more statues and portraits too, of our great leader Donald Trump in every classroom and Post Office around the country, right there next to the flag. Then there's all that talk about reparations and giving back land that our forefathers fought so hard to conquer. Those people are just sore 'cause they got their food stamps cut and also about that big oil pipe line getting built. The radical tree huggers are right in there with 'em, as if it weren't man's destiny to tame the wilderness. All of them can go, too, and eat tofu three meals a day.

Pretty soon they'll be telling us not to fly any flags at all because someone will be offended. Next they'll be trying to change Thanksgiving to dishonor our beloved ancestors and glorious colonial history. The government is just too big now and should go back to only one purpose: to protect us from them. In the words of our great leader Donald J. Trump, "Lock 'em up"; then the pure real Americans can live right again in this great country of ours. So be sure to sign up, this November and vote for another term so our leader can finally drain the swamp of all those un-American, radical, Democrat, deep state, Socialist liberals once and for all.

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