

# Local News

## 10-acre fire burns outbuildings

By Spokesman staff

A brushfire that burned the western edge of Redmond Aug. 31 was contained later that evening, after growing to roughly ten acres and damaging farmland and a few outbuildings.

“Most important thing is there were no injuries and no residential structures lost,” said Tom Mooney, fire marshal for Redmond Fire & Rescue.

According to Mooney, the initial call came in at 2:50 p.m. about a fire in a field in the 4700 block of SW Obsidian Ave.

“The thing we had working against us was the wind and high temperatures,” he said. “That field was primed and ready to go.”

The cause of the fire has been classified as “undetermined,” meaning officials don’t have enough data to come to a conclusion about the ignition source.

Mooney said crews responded from the Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service, Bend, La Pine, Crooked River Ranch, Warm Springs, Cloverdale, Camp Sherman, Black Butte and Crook County.

Mooney said so many crews were brought in because of worries that winds and high temperatures could endanger homes in the area of west Redmond. Air support was on standby but was not used.

Mooney said crews “got a quick attack on it” which helped them get the blaze under control in about two hours. Crews remained on scene throughout the evening, mopping up hot spots.

The fire, which was only about three miles from city hall, caused a “go now” evacuation for those living along SW Obsidian Ave., west of SW Helmoltz Way and east of 58th St.

In April, the city implemented a new opening burning ordinance that forbids openly burning debris within city limits. As the city expands, Mooney said, the ordinance will expand with it.

Mooney recommended people revisit what evacuation levels mean and have a plan in place for fire season. When a “go now” evacuation goes live, it’s not the time to plan, he said. It’s the time to get in your car and go.

More information can be found at [oregonrsg.org](http://oregonrsg.org).

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Crews patrol the edge of a fire Aug. 31 about 5 p.m. after a blaze grew to about ten acres west of Redmond.

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A barn stands on September 1 after fire crews battled a 10-acre fire next to it west of Redmond.



Crews patrol the edge of a fire Wednesday evening about 5 p.m. after a blaze grew to about 10 acres west of Redmond.



Remnants of a fire smolder on Wednesday evening about 5 p.m. after the blaze grew to about 10 acres west of Redmond.



A burned field sits empty on September 1 after a 10-acre fire west of Redmond tore through it the previous day.

## Marshalls set to open this month in Redmond

Grand opening Sept. 15

BY TIM TRAINOR

Redmond Spokesman

Marshalls, a popular nationwide discount clothing store, will open its first Central Oregon location in Redmond on September 15.

According to the company, the 21,000-square foot location will employ as many as 60 people and will offer clothing for women, men, juniors and kids. The store will also sell shoes, accessories, home, pet and beauty departments.

It is located at 367 NW Oak Street Lane in the Red Rock commercial development. The store’s hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. from Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

“We’re excited to bring this

experience and exceptional values from fashion and beauty to home and more to a new neighborhood,” said Tim Miner, president of Marshalls, in a release.

According to the company, the Redmond store will feature brand name and designer fashion at lower prices, as well as single queue checkout for faster shopping.

A grand opening celebration is set for 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Sept. 15.

In celebration of its new Redmond location, Marshalls will make a \$10,000 donation to the Family Access Network Foundation in Central Oregon.

Marshalls currently operates more than 1,100 stores in 48 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

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Marshalls will open a new retail store in Redmond. A grand opening is set for Sep. 15.

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