

Fire restrictions to tighten in Clatsop, Tillamook state forests

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The Oregon Department of Forestry announced it will tighten fire prevention rules starting Friday in northwestern Oregon, including the Clatsop and Tillamook state forests and private lands in the Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association.

"In order to keep communities safe and avoid wildfire risk, we'll begin restrictions on public use of the forest on Friday. These restrictions ban fireworks, exploding targets, campfires outside of designated locations, and other fire-prone activities," Mike Cafferata, the department's district forester, said in a news release. "These restrictions respond to the extremely dry conditions we're experiencing and to the Sunset Grade Fire, which we believe was started by one of these activities last weekend."

The restrictions are as follows:

- Smoking will be prohibited while traveling, except in closed vehicles on improved roads;
- Open fires will be prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires

and warming fires, except at designated locations. The use of wood-burning devices, used in conjunction with temporary dwellings, including tents and trailers, is also prohibited. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed;

- Use of motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, will be prohibited, except on improved roads and designated areas;

- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one operational 2-and-a-half pound or larger fire extinguisher;

- Use of fireworks will be prohibited;

- Use of exploding targets will be prohibited;

- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal will be prohibited.

Contact the Tillamook, Astoria or Forest Grove district offices for more information about fire prevention rules. Contact information is available at www.oregon.gov/ODF/pages/offices.aspx.

Job Corps students train to help with new oil spills

Large pool needed for spill response

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Whether readying the Arctic-bound oil-drilling platform Polar Pioneer in Seattle or helping clean an oil spill in Santa Barbara, Tongue Point Job Corps Center's seamanship students are translating their training into work experience.

Their placement up and down the West Coast stemmed from an oil spill response and intern partnership formed late last year with Global Diving & Salvage, Inc., a global diving contractor based in Seattle. The company maintains a pool of oil spill responders around the country and has so far qualified more than 70 students at Tongue Point.

Eight of those students were trained Tuesday on Marine Spill Response Corporation's barge, the Oregon Responder, homeported at the Port of Astoria's Pier 2. Fourteen others who had already been qualified as oil spill responders returned to campus Tuesday after a monthlong job of helping ready Shell Oil Co.'s oil-drilling rig Polar Pioneer. The platform left Monday morning amid protests and an attempted blockade by kayakers to drill oil wells in the Arctic Ocean.

"We did 12 (hours) on, 12 off, seven days a week for the last 29 days," said



Submitted photo

Several Tongue Point Job Corps Center students trained in oil spill response onboard Marine Spill Response Corporation's barge the Oregon Responder Tuesday. They included, from left, Manuel Pedro, Noel Rezada, Adrian Dominguez, Timothy Alexander, Jalil Marshall, Micah Domingcil and Sergio Maya.

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on Tongue Point Job Corps Center and how to host student internships, contact work-based Learning Specialist Carla Pitts at 503-338-4989 or pitts.carla@jobcorps.org. For information on employing graduating students, contact Career Transition Specialist Roger Riutta at Riutta.Roger@jobcorps.org

Billy O'Reilly, 19, a seamanship student from Seattle who went home to work on the rig.

O'Reilly said he and fellow students cleaned out bilge tanks, painted and otherwise freshened up the rig. They earned \$18 an hour, and 50 percent more for overtime.

The students taken to Seattle had already gone through oil spill training with Global. The company's employees were all busy with the oil rig and called

Tongue Point looking for laborers.

"They were people who if they were in the marketplace, we'd hire them," said Kerry Walsh, a salvage master and marine casualty project manager with Global who had glowing reviews of the students.

Pool of responders

Angela Moretti, an environmental project manager with Global, said the company keeps such a large pool of responders because many will be unavailable when needed.

"Just being there and watching it all come to play is better than reading about it in a book," said Micah Domingcil, 21, from Kauai, Hawaii. He and other students reenacted an oil spill near the mouth of the Columbia River, taking out oil containment booms.

While the training does not prepare for every type of response, Moretti said, it readies them for deck work, cleanup, line-handling and oil skimming.

"We're teaching them to be safe mariners," Capt. Len Tumbarello, head of Tongue Point's seamanship program, said of the training.

Tongue Point has 120 students training on its vessel, the Ironwood, in two different classes. Each goes through work-based learning and an internship to give them real-world experience before graduating. Despite the large enrollment and the program's existence since 1980, Tumbarello said it only has eight to 10 work-based learning sites for students and wants more.

Volunteer training to help respond to domestic violence, sexual assault

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Volunteer training for those who want to help individuals who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault begins from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 25 at The Harbor.

The training includes basics in compassionate communication, crisis intervention, active listening, the impact of oppression on individuals and communities, domestic violence and the law and other topics. The training is taught by educators from The Harbor as well as experienced guest speakers from the community.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the shelter and during community events and special projects. Some volunteers work in the client service office, Déjà Vu's do-

nation center, and as ongoing advocates for individuals accessing services.

All volunteers need to attend the first training on June 25. Training requirements vary depending on the type of volunteer position. Contact Chris Wright, volunteer coordinator, at 503-325-3426, or stop by the office at 1361 Duane St. to receive a volunteer packet.

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