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Steve Weinert waits for passengers at the Astoria Transit Center. Cutbacks in funding triggered by the shutdown could affect transportation operations.

Local impact of shutdown illustrated

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As the government shutdown meanders into a fifth week with no end in sight, the effects are being felt in Clatsop County. Long lines formed last weekend in front of the Astoria Masonic Lodge, where Boy Scouts and many others offered assistance to federal workers and their families. Wildland firefighters across the country are unable to conduct training exercises ahead of fire season. Local public transportation is bracing for cutbacks and some food pantries are seeing increased need.

Parts of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park are closed and, until policy makers decide to reopen the government, the Coast Guard is still not getting paid.



Chyanne Kohler, firefighter with the Oregon Military Department, participates in a prescribed burn exercise at Camp Rilea in 2018.



Members of a Coast Guard flight crew prepare a helicopter for takeoff in this 2017 photo.



Rock Wickham sets out produce at the Cannon Beach Food Pantry in this 2018 photo.



Normally open to the public, parts of the Fort Clatsop replica were locked due to the shutdown.



Boy Scouts help out at an event to assist federal workers and their families lining up outside the Astoria Masonic Lodge during the government shutdown.