



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
A tree burns at Collier Memorial State Park in southern Oregon.

Wildfires ravage state parks

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Wildfires may have burned more than 1 million acres across Oregon, but so far state parks have avoided “major damage,” officials say.

Roughly 900 acres of park land burned during the recent wildfires, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced Friday, limited to only five park sites across the state. Several other parks saw additional damage from the windstorm that fueled many of the fires.

Oregon parks director Lisa Sumption said in a news release that the relatively small amount of damage was a testament to both luck and the efforts of first responders.

Firefighters continue to make progress on wildfires burning throughout the state, increasing containment of the Riverside fire in Clackamas County to 25% and a blaze near Lincoln City to 90%.

Only three wildfires grew more than 1,000 acres from Sunday to Monday, according to figures reported by the National Interagency Coordination Center. Six of the state’s most prominent blazes did not grow.

Meanwhile, air quality throughout much of the state is good or moderate, with a patch of unhealthy air covering Crater Lake and parts of Douglas, Klamath and Jackson counties.

Pockets of air that are unhealthy for sensitive groups could be found in the surrounding area, as well as in parts of southwestern Oregon and Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Jefferson and Wasco counties.

Collier Memorial State

Park in southern Oregon was the hardest hit by fires, park officials said. The Two Four Two fire, which is still burning between Klamath Falls and Crater Lake, burned 400 acres, damaged Collier’s historic logging museum and destroyed a historic cabin, as well as a wood shed and host trailer.

“Although 400 acres is a lot by any estimation, the careful fuel reduction and stand improvement slowed the fire spread enough to be contained before major damage occurred,” Craig Leech, forester for the parks department, said in a news release.

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Parks along the Santiam River east of Salem were also burned, as the Beachie Creek and Lionshead fires merged at Detroit Lake, burning more than 384,000 acres between them, as of Friday evening. But the state park sites fared remarkably well considering the wide path of devastation to nearby forests.

About 120 acres burned at North Santiam State Recreation Area, a riverfront park with fishing spots and picnic tables, which also lost a few structures as the fire burned straight through the small campground, the parks department said.

Just upriver, the Detroit Lake State Recreation Area

and Mongold day-use area saw 40 acres burn, with minor damage to part of the campground and the loss of one water storage tank. Crews are currently working to retrieve boats that people had to abandon on the lake as they evacuated.

Nearby, the damage was also relatively light at Silver Falls State Park, which experienced an early morning evacuation Sept. 8 as the Beachie Creek fire roared to life. So far, 125 acres have burned on the far southeastern boundary of the park, far from the popular campground, conference center and day-use areas.

Other parks to experience damage were Bonnie Lure State Recreation Area north of Estacada, which had 40 acres burn; Wallowa Lake State Park in northeast Oregon, where a dock was damaged by high winds; and a half-dozen park sites on the Oregon Coast where wind storms resulted in downed trees.

In all, 24 state park sites remain closed since Sept. 7, due to either wildfire or wind damage.

The parks department said it is still working to assess damages and schedule repairs. And since fires are still burning near parks, there could be more damage to report soon. For now, park officials are asking people to stay out of closed parks and away from damaged areas.

“We are still very much in the emergency response mode,” Jason Resch, communications director for the parks department, said. “We will have more information to share about restoring and reopening damaged parks once it is safe for our staff to do so.”



Mark Graves/The Oregonian
A group of 100 to 200 demonstrators marched through downtown Portland on Saturday night as they continued their nightly protests against racial injustice.

Justice Department classifies Portland ‘anarchist jurisdiction’

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department identified New York City, Portland and Seattle as three cities that could have federal funding slashed under a memorandum by President Donald Trump that sought to identify localities that permit “anarchy, violence and destruction in American cities.”

The designation, which could open the door for the federal government to cut off some funding to the cities, drew immediate criticism from local elected officials. It comes as Trump throughout the summer has cast American cities run by Democratic mayors as under siege by violence and lawlessness, despite the fact that most of the demonstrations against racial injustice have been largely peaceful.

An attempt to cut off federal funding to the cities would likely be met with immediate legal challenges and several federal judges ruled in favor of municipalities over similar attempts to withhold funding tied to immigration policies.

The Justice Department said the three cities were designated because they meet four main criteria, including “whether a jurisdiction forbids the police force from intervening to restore order amid widespread or sustained violence or destruction” and whether the city “disempowers or defunds police departments.”

In Seattle, officials pointed to the “occupied” protest zone, also known as the “Capitol Hill Occupied Protest” zone, or CHOP, which emerged during nationwide protests over the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, though Seattle police officers wearing helmets and wielding batons and rifles, cleared the area by force on July 1. In Portland, they pointed to 100 consecutive nights of protests “marred by vandalism, chaos, and even kill-

ing” and in New York City, the Justice Department pointed to a skyrocketing number of shootings throughout the five boroughs.

It is not the first time the Justice Department has attempted to take action against city officials for the violent demonstrations.

The department also explored whether it could pursue either criminal or civil rights charges against city officials in Portland after clashes erupted there night after night between law enforcement and demonstrators. For weeks, hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the federal courthouse in Portland, some throwing bricks, rocks and other projectiles at officers, leading officers to fire volleys of tear gas and pepper balls at the crowd.

“When state and local leaders impede their own law enforcement officers and agencies from doing their jobs, it endangers innocent citizens who deserve to be protected, including those who are trying to peacefully assemble and protest,” Attorney General William Barr said in a statement. “We cannot allow federal tax dollars to be wasted when the safety of the citizenry hangs in the balance.”

Barr said he hoped the designation would convince the cities to “reverse course and become serious about performing the basic function of government and start protecting their own citizens.”

The attorney general’s statement drew immediate condemnation from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo, both Democrats, who accused the Trump administration of politicization of law enforcement.

“This is just another one of President Trump’s games,” de Blasio said.

Trump has heaped blame for the unrest on Democrats, who are leading the cities where violence has occurred, and tried to focus squarely on pockets of protest-related

violence instead of the larger point of the racial injustice movement.

In a joint statement, de Blasio, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan decried the designation as “thoroughly political and unconstitutional.”

“The President is playing cheap political games with Congressionally directed funds. Our cities are bringing communities together; our cities are pushing forward after fighting back a pandemic and facing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, all despite recklessness and partisanship from the White House,” the statement said.

In a separate statement, Durkan said the threats to defund the cities were “are a gross misuse of federal power and blatantly unlawful.”

“Trump, the Department of Justice, and Barr’s obsession with Seattle and me is irrational and most importantly, a huge distraction,” she said.

A number of cities, including New York, sued the U.S. government after the Justice Department announced in 2017 that it would withhold grant money from cities and states until they gave federal immigration authorities access to jails and provide advance notice when someone in the country illegally is about to be released. Federal appeals courts in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco have ruled against the federal government by upholding lower-court injunctions placed on the enforcement of some or all of the challenged conditions, though in February the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan overturned a lower court’s decision ordering the administration to release funding to New York City and seven states.

“Just like with sanctuary cities when he did that a couple of years ago and lost, if he actually does this, we will sue and he will lose once again,” Cuomo said.



Notice of Availability of the Northwest Training and Testing Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy has completed a final supplement to the 2015 Northwest Training and Testing (NWT) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The completion of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS follows years of research, analysis, stakeholder and tribal engagement, and public involvement.

Proposed Action

The Navy is proposing to continue training and testing activities at sea and in associated airspace within the Study Area beyond 2020. Proposed activities are similar to those that have occurred in the Study Area for decades and previously analyzed in the 2015 NWT Final EIS/OEIS.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to continue training and testing activities to ensure the Navy can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas.

Public Involvement

The Navy is committed to keeping the public informed. The Navy obtained public input at several stages during the environmental planning process and held eight public meetings throughout Washington, Oregon, Northern California, and southeastern Alaska. The Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS includes responses to public comments received during the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS public review and comment period. In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act regulations, the Navy will wait a minimum of 30 days after publication of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS before making a final decision on the action.

Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS

The Navy is committed to providing an accessible version of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS to the public during COVID-19 conditions. The document will be available beginning Sept. 18, 2020, at www.NWTTEIS.com.

If you need assistance accessing the document, please contact Ms. Julianne Stanford, Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs Office, at julianne.stanford@navy.mil or 360-867-8525.

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