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## Crews keep busy with blaze Waterfalls 2

Over 500 fire fighters and support crew personnel are deployed in response to the Waterfalls 2 fire.

The blaze has burned across more than 6,000 acres on the reservation. The fire is located 3.5 miles northeast of the summit of Mt. Jefferson, about 22 miles west of Warm Springs.

Windy conditions and rough terrain made Waterfalls 2 a problem for responders.

"The fire was pushed by ridge-top winds of 20 miles-per-hour from the southwest, which started spot fires as far as a mile away," Ross Williams, incident commander, said earlier this week.

"Because of the intense fire behavior, planned burnout operations were delayed while crews and equipment retreated to safety zones," he said.

The response team is using two airplanes and four helicopters to make water drops.

As of earlier this week, there were 13 crews, 21 engines, five dozers, and 16 water tenders assigned to Waterfalls 2. There was as yet no containment of the fire on Tuesday morning of this week.

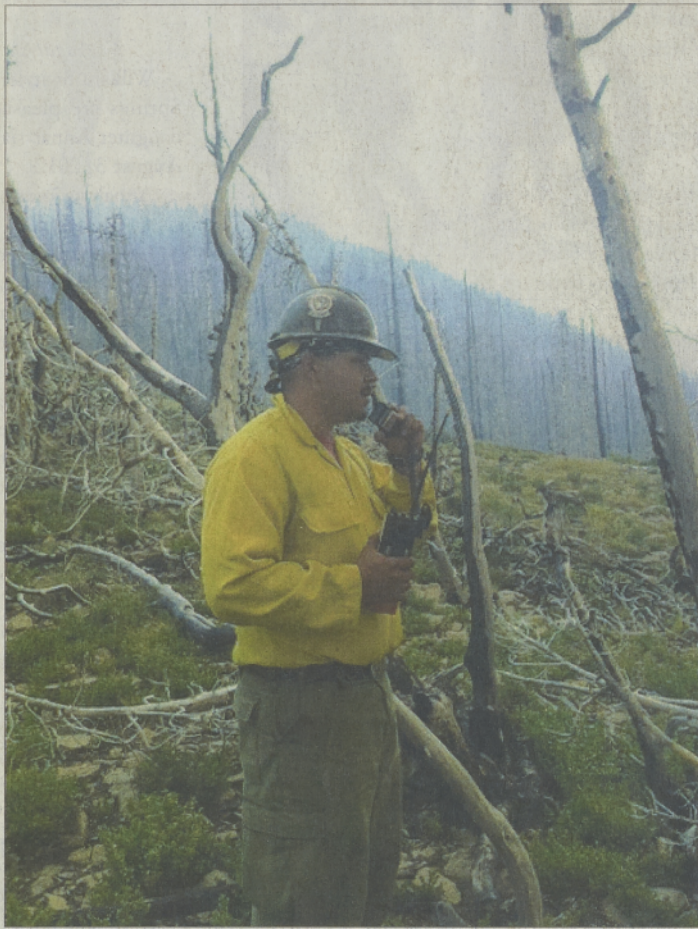


Photo courtesy of Jim Rico, Forest Manager/BNR/CTWS

The fire started during a lightning storm on August 4. Waterfalls 2 was among a number of fires that broke out in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In Washington state, 70 homes were destroyed. In Idaho, one fire fighter was killed by a falling tree. In Oregon, Gov. Kitzhaber declared a state of emergency due to volatile weather conditions.

Extreme heat in mid August, and the wind, helped create the dangerous conditions. Some good news is that high temperatures in the afternoon are cooler this week, in the mid- to low-80s. There was even some rain.

Waterfalls 2 is in the vicinity of Peters Pasture, requiring Camp Naimuma to move to HeHe (see page 2). The Pacific Coast Trail and Olallie Lake Scenic area were closed, along with Gibson Lake and other trails.

Renso Rodriguez, of Warm Springs Fire Management, was among the many emergency responders to the Waterfalls 2 fire on the reservation.

## Gearing up for new school year

School is starting a few days later than usual this year for students in the Jefferson County School District 509-J.

The district is not cutting the number of school days, but is instead holding the in-service training days at the beginning of the year. In previous years, the district held the in-service days throughout the school year.

In previous years, students returned to school on the Wednesday or Thursday following Labor Day Monday.

This year, the students will be returning to school at the start of the week following the week of Memorial Day.

Some dates to keep in mind:

The Warm Springs **Back to School Yard Sale** is set for this Saturday, August 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Center. The sale is presented by Warm Springs Recreation. Contact Carol for more information, 541-553-3243.

The Warm Springs **Back to School Barbecue** is at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6 at the campus.

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## Prevention Camp envisions brighter future

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Tymoo

Young people are asked to imagine a better community. What would they want to see, and what would they like to eliminate?

Things they like: powwows, rodeos, baseball, jobs, hunting and fishing, the longhouse, arcades, to name a few.

Things they don't like: trash, drugs, racism, graffiti, gangs, certain people such as drug dealers, poverty, among other things.

The exercise is called "Making and Ideal Community," explains Michael Martinez, Warm Springs prevention coordinator.

The suggestions from the young people will be presented to the Tribal Councils and prevention programs of the tribes of Oregon, Martinez said.

The suggestions, he said, "are incorporated into our programs, so this is not just a theory. The ideas are put to use."

Sixty Native youth from across Oregon gathered last week for the Prevention Camp at HeHe.

The young people—ages 13 to 18—were from different tribes in the state: Some came from the Portland area, Umatilla, Burns-Paiute, and Warm Springs, among others.

Suicide prevention was the overall theme of the gathering. Suicide among Native youth is a tragedy that all tribes are aware of, and all are trying to eliminate it from reservations and other Indian communities.



The HeHe Prevention Camp teepees by the Warm Springs River; and (below) the youth meet in small groups to come up with their visions for a better a community.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Counselors and youth at the camp discussed many topics, such as AIDS prevention and substance abuse prevention. An overall theme, though, was the prevention of suicide among Native youth. It has been known for some time that youth suicide in American Indian communities is an epidemic.

Suicide has been the second-leading cause of death among the youth.

Native communities have the highest rate of suicide for males and females, ages 10 to 24, of any racial group, according to the Indian Health Service. There are many factors—both present and historic—that lead to this high rate of suicide. Reservations, for instance, experience higher rates of poverty and substandard housing. This can lead to higher rates of substance abuse.

Another factor is generational trauma, involving the legacy of boarding schools, which weakened parental influence; and displacement from native lands, undermining tribal unity and removing many safeguards against suicide that Native cultures might otherwise provide.

Some tribes, such as Warm Springs, have developed their own prevention programs. Outreach and listening to youth are key prevention methods.

The camp at HeHe last week was a step toward making a better community where the tragedy of youth suicide is eliminated.

## Museum seeking member artwork

The Museum at Warm Springs is preparing for the Nineteenth Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member Art Exhibit. This exhibit is scheduled to start on Oct. 11, and runs through Jan. 6.

The museum is inviting tribal artists to participate. Items submitted can be traditional or contemporary, and will be displayed in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery.

This year, the museum will publish a catalog showing the work of Warm Springs artists.

The artists who plan on entering their art in the exhibit are encouraged to submit an artist biography along with images. Professional photographer and graphic artist Thomas Osborne will be at the museum this Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take images for the catalog.

The catalog is made possible through an award from the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation.

The museum will select a traditional and contemporary work for the Judges Choice Award along with four Honorable Mention awards.

The museum recognizes the patience and talents of artists by selecting awards each year by an outside visual arts judge. If you would like your art to be judged for the exhibit, please submit your work on or before the deadline. The deadline to submit art is Friday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Moody at 541-553-3331 ext. 412.

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