

Getting ready for 2018 fire season

Warm Springs Fire Management is getting ready for this year's fire season.

Fire Management will host camp crew training this month. The trainings will begin on March 26.

For information call William Wilson or Bob Medina at 541-553-1146. The first step in the process is filling out the application, followed by the safety trainings and a physical test.

The fire season usually begins in June. Around Pi-

Ume-Sha time Fire Management initiates 24-hour coverage.

Use of drones

Last year, the Western U.S. experienced one of its worst wildfire seasons in years. An area the size of Delaware burned within California alone.

Those fires, along with a trio of devastating hurricanes that hit the opposite coast, made 2017 the costliest year on record for natural disasters in U.S. history.

In response, the federal government relied on unmanned aircrafts, which are increasingly cheaper to buy and deploy, more than ever

to aid the efforts of firefighters on the ground.

Meanwhile in Congress, lawmakers are frozen in a political stalemate over how to fix a system for funding firefighting efforts that both parties agree is broken.

Last year, Interior, which leads interagency efforts on unmanned aircrafts outside the Pentagon, flew 707 drone missions on 71 wildfires.

In total, the department conducted nearly 5,000 flights altogether for various purposes, including drawing maps, surveying wildlife and conducting search-and-rescue missions.

Tax help in Warm Springs

The Warm Springs Community Action Team AARP Tax Aide Site is offering free tax preparation and filing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment - call 541-553-3148.

From Sanitation

Warm Springs Sanitation reminds folks that tires cannot be left at the transfer stations and must be taken to the commercial entrance to be disposed of.

If anyone sees non-Warm Springs residents are using the landfill and transfer stations, please report it to Russell Graham at 541-553-4943, or call the Warm Springs Police Department.



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