

# Crews containing wild fires

On the reservation the Lionshead this week fire grew to 19,000 acres. The Mt. Jefferson Wilderness was closed because of the blaze.

The area experienced smokey conditions because of fires in Central Oregon, and in north central Washington. A fire by Camp Sherman prompted a pre-evacuation notice.

The wind on Monday brought increased fire activity, as fire crews were battling for full suppression. The fires broke out in late August, as a lightning storm passed over the reservation and the region. Over the Labor Day week-



Fire crew preparing for a day on the Lionshead fire.

Jayson Smith/Spilyay

end, fire teams completely lined the P-515 fire. The footprint acreage of the blaze is estimated at approximately 4,600 acres. Hand crews continue to improve containment lines, and mop up is on-going in close coordination with resource advisors. Back haul of excess equipment was being facilitated, and resources were being incorporated

with the Lionshead Fire. The Lionshead blaze burned actively over Labor Day weekend, and into the week. As of Tuesday, fire response coordinators estimated Lionshead at 40 percent containment. Also over the weekend, a spot fire broke out approximately two miles to the north into the Shitike

drainage. The fire also made a push to the southwest, then hooked back to the east, crossing Bald Peter. Air resources have been working the edges of the fire, giving firefighters time to continue to assess potential containment options along the fire's perimeter. Operations over the weekend

and into the week: Ground crews were continuing to assess potential opportunities for indirect containment options along the P-400 Road to the north and the J-140 Road to the south. Low relative humidity, high temperatures, and dry conditions led to continued extremely active fire behavior throughout Labor Day weekend. A strong low-level inversion limited air support. Crews continued to mop up along all secure containment lines and spot fires. With abundant dry fuels, low humidity, and high temperatures, the fires have remained active. For public and firefighter safety, roads and trails on the southwest portion of the Warm Springs Reservation near the fires have been closed to the public.

# Tribal fishery open through Friday

A zone 6 tribal gillnet fishery is open through 6 p.m. this Friday, September 11. Gear includes set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Allowable sales are salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp. These fish may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon may not be sold; but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool, and sturgeon from

43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes. Closed areas are the river mouth and dam, applicable to gillnets are in effect. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is in effect. Covid guidelines: Please review the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission 'Safe Fishers' guidelines to help prevent the spread of Covid-19; and protect the vulnerable members of the tribal community. See the site: [critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisher-](http://critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisher-ies/)

ies/ If you have any fishing enforcement problems, or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, phone 541-386-6363 or toll-free 800-487-FISH (3474). Show pride in your tribe's treaty rights by carrying your tribal ID. Please consult your tribal Fisheries Department for additional details on tribal regulations. Please wear your life jackets for safety, and avoid overloading your boats.

# A thank you from ECE

The Early Childhood Education Center re-opened in September. Thank you to Russell Graham, tribal Sanitarian, and his cleaning crew for getting our building up and running so

quickly. As always, we look forward to working this fall with all our families. From the staff of Warm Springs Early Childhood Education.

Warm Springs Credit has their drive through and ATM lobby open weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Credit is closed during the noon hour, and weekends. Warm Springs Housing is open weekdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

# COCC accreditation approved for maximum term

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities recently reaffirmed Central Oregon Community College's accreditation for a full term of seven years, the maximum period possible. Because of the virus pandemic, the Colleges and Universities Commission conducted virtual site visits in the spring. COCC's virtual visit was scheduled in April, when the College was just weeks into closing its campuses for spring term because of the emerging international health crisis. However, the pivot to a virtual visit did not negatively impact the college's accreditation. In fact, the evaluation team and commission board specifically commended COCC for strengths including: The board, faculty, staff and administrators creating an organizational climate that fosters optimism, collegiality, transparency and inclusiveness. Strategic use of technology to enhance communications, transparency, institutional effectiveness

and student success. The students, faculty, staff and administrators for their high level of engagement and graciousness during a pandemic. The Colleges and Universities Commission also made four recommendations for improvement. COCC will address and report on these findings to the commission at regular junctures prior to the college's next comprehensive visit in seven years. These recommendations include the following: Set and articulate meaningful objectives and indicators of COCC's Community Enrichment goal to define mission fulfillment, and to improve its effectiveness in the context of, and in comparison with regional and national peer institutions. Refine its current practices to create an effective system of evaluation that systematically—in-

tegrated across all levels of course, program, and general education—assesses student learning outcomes to ensure currency and improvement of teaching, learning and student success. Regularly and systematically evaluate administrators based on clearly communicated criteria. Publicize the institution's loan default rate on its website. COCC President Dr. Laurie Chesley commended the College and its employees for earning the maximum term for reaffirmed accreditation, saying: "Our virtual site visit came during an unprecedented time last April, but our entire college community rallied and successfully showed our evaluators the great work we do here. I could not be more proud of all of our faculty and staff."

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### Health care contact numbers

At the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center they ask that you call ahead if you plan on going there.

For a regular appointment call 541-553-2610.

The IHS Covid-19 Nurse Triage Hotline is 541-553-5512.

Outside of IHS regular hours you can call the Registered Nurse Health Advice Hotline at 1-866-470-2015.

For all other business call 541-553-1196.

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