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### FIRE USE RESTRICTED DURING HEAT WAVE

Officials issue emergency order to limit fire-prone activities along coast

STAFF REPORT Sinslaw News

With record-breaking temperatures scorching the state this week, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Oregon Department of Forestry have issued restrictions for all fire-prone activities in the Florence and Dunes City areas.

"Due to the current fire weather forecasts, and to bring the entire district into the same precaution level, I am issuing the following emergency order," Fire Chief Jim Langborg said Thursday. "I hereby order the following restrictions for all lands protected by Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, including the City of Florence and Dunes City."

notice:

- · No open flames are allowed outdoors, including campfires, warming fires, cooking fires or ceremonial fires. Fires are only allowed at public-owned campgrounds with developed fire pits. Gas powered barbeques are allowed, but are restricted to use on hard, nonflammable surfaces such as patios, driveways or green irrigated lawns.
- No power equipment, such as mowers, chainsaws, stump grinders,

Effective immediately until further etc., may be operated on or near dry grass, brush or trees at anytime. Mowing of green, irrigated lawns is allowed before 1 p.m. and after 8

- No smoking outside of buildings or vehicles in any area with dry grass, brush or trees.
- No operation of welding or metal-cutting equipment outdoors in areas with dry grass, brush or trees.
- · All logging operations, including power saws, cable yarders, tractor/skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder

or shovel logging operations, are prohibited.

- All construction operations involving dozers or graders are restricted to streets or roads, developed building sites or other areas of nonflammable surfaces.
- Lot clearing is allowed with firefighting capabilities on site. This includes 200 gallons of water with pump and hose. One hour of fire watch is required.

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### Progress in 'motion'

Florence council checks in on 2015 city goals

> BY CHANTELLE MEYER Siuslaw News

■ lorence City Manager Erin Reynolds presented a mid-year update on Florence City Council's 2015 City Goals at the council meeting on July 20. She evaluated each of the city's seven goals in light of recent additions to city staff, new committees, physical plant maintenance and the beginning of two Rhododendron Drive improvement projects.

In light of Florence's mission — to meet community expectations for municipal services, provide a vision for civic improvements, maintain a quality environment and to position Florence to have an economically viable and sustainable future — the five city councilors chose seven main goals at the start of

According to Reynolds, a management team "polished the initial goals."

"We're reiterating that we are sustaining and improving seven areas that already make Florence 'Oregon's Premier Coastal Community," Reynolds said.

The seven goals deal with such issues as city service delivery, economic development, livability and quality of life, financial sustainability, organization and operations, trust and communication and public safety.

"The Economic Development goal required a twist (in our phrasing), emphasizing that we must first create a strategy and then sustain and improve that effort once created," said Reynolds.

So far this year, the city council appointed a new city manager and a chief for the Florence Police Department; new committees were formed to address economic development and public arts; the city and other agencies have strengthened intergovernmental relations; numerous volunteer opportunities donated many hours of work; city staff and the council finalized a 2015-16 budget; and created an online social media presence on Twitter and

Reynolds added that city staff, elected officials, volunteers and the community achieved the goals by having a strong mission statement and direction.

"I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge your hard work as public servants and elected officials who are unpaid," Reynolds said to the councilors. "The mayor and council have provided us with their vision and direction. Along with community support, we are together able to put our 'city in motion."

Moving forward, Reynolds is positive about maintaining this motion.

"We are excited to work with our community in sustaining and improving city operations on all fronts," she said.

## ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP



Tim Otten, a

microbiology

researcher at Oregon State

discusses the

algae blooms

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oe and Betty Swann from York, Pa., arrived in Florence on Monday in their rebuilt 1912 E-M-F touring car. At 5,011 miles traveled, Florence is the midway stop on a 10,000-mile odyssey that will circumnavigate the United States. The Swanns left York on May 30. To date, they have traveled through Pennsylvania; New York; Ontario, Canada; Michigan; Wisconsin; North Dakota; Montana; Washington; Vancouver Island, B.C.; Juno, Alaska (by ferry); and Oregon. They plan to arrive back in York in October. While in Florence, they stayed at the home of Rudy and Ursula Dittl.

#### Blue-green algae concerns addressed at meeting

Increase in toxic algae blooms threaten water, people, marine life

> By Jack Davis Siuslaw News

More than 40 concerned residents braved the heat Wednesday evening to hear a presentation by Tim Otten of Oregon State University on the risk assessment of toxic blue-green algae (microcystis) blooms. The presentation, spon-

sored by the Siuslaw

Watershed Council, was

held at the Woahink Lake

community yurt.

Otten, a microbiology researcher who has been studying toxic blue-green algae blooms for several years, told the group that outbreaks were happening more frequently and often with more intensity now than in previous years.

"There are three factors that promote algae growth," Otten said. "First, there is too much nitrogen and phosphorus."

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