

Firefighters continue to respond to smoke reports

ROSEBURG — Last Thursday’s barrage of lightning across Southern Oregon sparked numerous small wildfires across the Umpqua National Forest. Even though the storm was extraordinary, it did not produce large amounts of precipitation. The current total of confirmed fires in the forest is near 35, with starts on each district.

Due to aggressive initial attack and favorable weather conditions, wildfires have not exceeded one acre in size.

Despite the cooler weather this weekend, firefighting resources continue to respond to new smoke reports each day.

“This cooler weather has been helpful to firefighters, but we aren’t taking that for granted. We know there

will continue to be smoke reports for the next week,” said Riva Duncan, Forest Fire Management Officer.

“We had been watching the weather very closely, and as it built into a stronger system the North and South Zone fire managers

brought in additional resources to support us.”

Although the area has had a cooler summer, it is not unusual for late weather systems to bring thunderstorms to the region. Even though there have not been large fires on the forest, firefighters have remained vigilant in being prepared for late season starts.

Community members are asked to remain aware of firefighting personnel traffic as they work to respond to current and new smoke reports.

Radio from A6

“The community has just been phenomenal.”

People lent their tools and time to the cause while Reiten hired hands for heavy lifting and even bartered turntables to get the new place painted.

“I’d say the biggest challenge was just getting rid of 45 years of accumulated crap that was in the building,” Reiten said. “Honestly, as much as I dreaded the prospect beforehand and am now glad it’s essentially over ... it wasn’t as much of a nightmare as it might’ve been.”

On top of community rallying, Reiten was thankful for his family’s support.

“I’ve had a supportive family that’s really helped out during this whole process,” he said. “That’s a big part of it, too. My parents are here and they’ve always believed in me, so they’ve been a huge help through this whole thing.”

The new location hasn’t brought any significant change to the normal operation of the station yet.

“Pretty much status quo in terms of personnel and programming,” Reiten said. “There’s been a lot nostalgia going on with me and my whole staff. ... You could literally say that in some ways I grew up in that building. So it was kind of a bittersweet thing for me and everybody else.”

With the move completed, however, the station can turn its attention to a plan that has been in motion since last year: KNND FM.

Though the original plan was to get the FM translator on the air by January this year, the project was put off to make sure there were no financial surprises due to the move.

“We want the FM on the air as much as anybody, but it just made more sense to put that on the backburner and get this [building] first,” said Reiten.

The station is currently waiting to procure a few more items before installing the translator.

“I don’t really have a date

at this point because things are still in a state of flux, but we hope sooner than later,” Reiten said.

The prospect of broadcasting on FM airwaves is an expansion of note for the station.

“Certainly FM is going to attract more listeners,” said Reiten.

The move will also help the station overcome a bit of the stigma associated with AM radio.

“AM honestly has kind of

a little bit of a bad rap because the AM radios that are out there are made with cheap components and they’re also made to try to get rid of a lot of the interference that comes from a lot of the modern electronic devices that we all have and use,” Reiten said. “Nevertheless, if you have a really good AM radio that doesn’t compress everything, we actually sound very nice.”

Broadcasting on FM will

also enable the station to increase advertising revenue and reach a broader client base.

“So I think the future for this radio station is really bright,” said Reiten. “Not only are we in our own location that we own, not only are we going to have the FM up and going, but we’re going to continue building upon what we’ve worked to establish, which is live and local programming.”

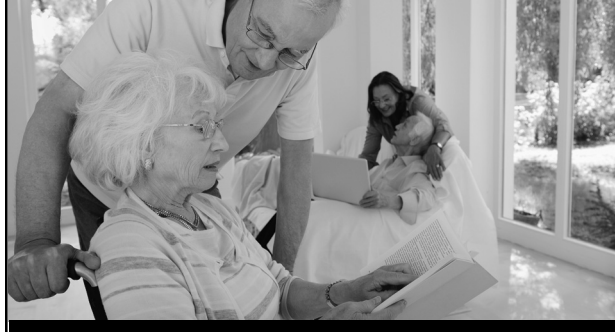




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