

Prospectors and Gold Diggers Breakfast canceled until next year

This year would have been the 57th consecutive Prospectors and Gold Diggers "Breakfast on the Mountain." Unfortunately, attendees will have to wait until next year to experience this unique breakfast.

With crowds at the breakfast ranging from 800 to 1,000 people in the past, it just cannot happen.

For this type of event, with the geography of the park and uncertainty about social distancing, the event cannot accommodate more than 300 people, said the organization in a release. Most importantly, it has been

unable to obtain a park permit or a temporary restaurant license.

"Believe me, this was heartbreaking to all involved in the breakfast," said event organizer Bruce McDonald. This would have been his 20th year of heading up the event.

Several local organizations play a part in making the breakfast a success. It is the biggest fundraiser for the group, which gives scholarships to high school seniors as well as other contributions to local organizations.

Because the breakfast has been unable to be held for the past two years,

funds have been depleted. The organization has had to maintain insurance and utilities at the historic Dr. Snapp House.

With generous donations from local community members this year, the Prospectors and Gold Diggers are able to move forward.

A special beer was even brewed by the Covered Bridge Brewing Group, a percentage of the earnings going to the organization. Baskets were also raffled off during that event.

"We look forward to seeing everyone next year on the mountain," said McDonald.

Jack Creek Fire update

As of Tuesday, July 13, the Jack Fire was estimated at 13,795 acres and 15 percent contained. The increase in acres is within the planned control lines.

North of HWY 138, firefighters continue to make good progress to strengthen, hold and secure containment lines in the northern and eastern portions of the fire.

Mop-up continues along the perimeter of the fire. Crews continue burning vegetation along containment lines moving south towards Dry Creek and north to connect with lines established along the 4713 Road. In the Dry Creek area, crews plan to complete work burning vegetation around the structures to prevent fire encroachment.

South of HWY 138, crews have established anchor points on the western and eastern flanks. Working from the anchor points near Twin Lakes, crews are utilizing trails, roads, and hand lines to hold the fire near Calf Creek.

On the western perimeter of the fire, crews are holding the line and will continue to burn vegetation where necessary to prevent fire spread east of the 4714

road. On the southern-most edge of the fire, resources continue to prepare containment lines while also scouting for control line options closer to the fire's active front.

Oregon State Fire Marshal's Task Forces have demobilized and delegation of authority transferred back to Douglas Forest Protective Association. Structures have been prepped, structure protection enhance and will be monitored by DFPA and NW Team 9.

Air assets continue to provide ground resources with water and retardant drops to limit the spread of the fire and to help establish and hold containment lines.

Aviation and fire crews coordinate with resource advisors to protect area water resources, reduce spread of invasive species and minimize impacts of fire suppression tied to water and retardant drops. All Forest Service campgrounds (Apple Creek, Horseshoe Bend and Eagle Rock) are on Level 3 evacuation GO order.

The Dry Creek community as well as all residences on the Illahee Road are also in Level 3 evacuation GO order.

Level 2 SET evacuations were issued from mile marker 38 to 43. This includes Steamboat Inn and residences located on Brin-

dle Bug Road, Steelhead Caddis Road, and residences and businesses located between mile post 51 and 55 on Highway 138E.

Please visit the Douglas County Sheriff's Office interactive evacuation map: www.dco.co/evacuations.

State highway 138E from Steamboat Creek to mile post 55 is closed to vehicle traffic. Steamboat Inn is also closed.

ODOT has set an eastside "soft closure" checkpoint in Lemolo Lake junction to allow for local access into nearby recreation areas, including Lemolo Lake.

Visit tripcheck.com for updates on road closures.

The Umpqua National Forest has issued an area closure around the Jack Fire. The full closure order and map can be viewed on InciWeb or at <https://go.usa.gov/xGJSE>.

City continues 'hazardous vegetation' notifications

On June 15, city planning staff began inspecting properties within the city limits for compliance with Cottage Grove Municipal Code 8.12.045 Hazardous Vegetation.

Code requires city property owners to cut and or remove wild blackberry bushes, weeds and grass over 12 inches in height, and vegetation near combustibles or likely to endanger buildings

or other property.

Staff has inspected approximately two thirds of the city to date with plans to have the remaining properties inspected by the end of next week.

Property owners with vegetation in violation of the code have been sent letters requesting the violation to be corrected within 10 days from the date of the letter.

Staff will re-inspect the properties for compliance. If the property is still in violation, the city will send a second letter to comply and post the letter on the property.

The owner will be subject to fines and a possible lien on the property provided the violation for vegetation removal has not been addressed following the second letter.



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