

On The Record

Evacuations lifted around Middle Fork Complex fires

Wildfires continue to burn after rain

WESTFIR, Ore. – Crews will continue working to contain the Middle Fork Complex fires by cleaning culverts and ditches and constructing water bars to control erosion damage to roads and constructed control lines.

Firefighters are working with Resource Advisors to prioritize locations for these activities. Personnel

and equipment that are needed on other large fires will be demobilizing to assist in these other areas.

There are still needs on the Gales Fire for consolidating brush piles and hauling logs from constructed control lines, and firefighters will stay vigilant in patrolling and mopping up established fire line.

The two-acre slop-over

near DP 55 was fully lined on Monday.

Weather: A thermal trough will develop to the south bringing SE-E winds. This will bring warmer and drier weather. Fire activity will increase slightly as fuels continue to dry and are exposed to sunlight and

wind, but little to no fire spread is expected. In the meantime, larger fuels will continue to smolder and burn.

Smoke: Tuesday saw an increase in interior smoldering fire generate smoke. This smoke should only be visible as haze across the

Outlook Area.

Safety: Driving to and from the fire area is the number one safety concern for firefighters. As days become shorter, drivers are reminded to turn lights on and drive at a safe speed, especially in the morning and evening hours. Be aware that equipment and personnel are sometimes moving at slower speeds on roadways.

Evacuations: The Lane County Sheriff's Office has announced that all evacuation levels on the fire are

lifted effective at noon on Tuesday (Sept. 21). Evacuation level changes do not affect current forest closure areas.

Closures: Some National Forest System lands near the Middle Fork Complex fires are temporarily closed to provide for public and firefighter safety. Please be sure to check current conditions before planning a trip to the Willamette National Forest.

More here: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices

Size: 30,928 acres
Origin/Location: North of Oakridge, OR
Contained: 49%
Date/Time Detected: July 29, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Number of Personnel: 499
Cause: Lightning

CGPD joins Operation Clear Track

On Sept. 21, the Cottage Grove Police Department joined forces with other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. for "Operation Clear Track" – the single largest rail safety initiative in the U.S.

The goal of Operation Clear Track and Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness of the importance of making safe choices near railroad tracks and trains.

Coordinated by Amtrak

Police and Operation Lifesaver Inc (OLI), Operation Clear Track aims to reduce the approximately 2,000 serious injuries and deaths each year in the U.S. around railroad tracks and trains.

"Every three hours in the U.S., a person or vehicle is hit by a train," said Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Executive Director Rachel Maleh. "While we have made strides in reducing deaths and injuries, the goal of

Operation Clear Track and other Rail Safety Week activities is empowering individuals and communities to be safe around tracks and raise rail safety awareness. We appreciate the ongoing safety partnership of the first responder community."

The event is held during the annual observance of Rail Safety Week, which this year is September 20-26 in North America.

Law enforcement officials urge people crossing railroad tracks to remember – see track, think train. There are multiple indicators to look out for such as train horns, posted signs near the track and sometimes flashing lights with barriers.

CGPD officers will be out in the community and helping to advise citizens on railroad safety.

Barbara Rosenthal

1956-2021



Barbara Rosenthal, 65, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away on Sept. 6, 2021. Barbara was born on June 6, 1956, to William and Pearl (Chase) Denham. She married John Rosenthal on Oct. 4, 1975. She was a fierce protector of her family. She would do anything to keep them safe and make

sure they felt loved. This same quality extended to every soul she met. As a passionate prayer warrior, she made it a priority to love and care for all of humanity. Her legacy is one of deep and unconditional love. Barb is survived by her spouse of 46 years, John, her mother Pearl Weaver; daughters Lee-Anne Yeo and Laura Rosenthal-Ware of Cottage Grove, OR; sister Brenda Stribling of Creswell, OR; brothers Bobby Denham of Viola, OR; Bill Denham of Eugene, OR and Bret Denham of Chowchilla, CA. She is preceded in death by her father William Denham.

Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics

While Cottage Grove has no currently scheduled vaccine clinics, several options are still available in Eugene for those seeking to get the vaccine. The following is a list of scheduled clinics.

The clinics are not drive-through, but walk-ins are welcome. Those wanting to register beforehand can do so through the county's website at www.lanecounty.org.

Thursday September 23 from 4 – 6 p.m. at Cascade

Middle School (1525 Echo Hollow Rd.)

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson

Friday September 24 from 3 – 6 p.m. at Lane Event Center (796 W 13th Ave)

Pfizer and Moderna 1st, 2nd or 3rd dose for immunocompromised individuals

Johnson & Johnson single dose

Friday September 24 from 5 -8 p.m. at Alluvium (810 W 3rd Ave)

Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson

Saturday September 25 from 3 – 6 p.m. at Petersen Barn (870 Berntzen Rd.)

Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson

Saturday September 25 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lane Event Center (796 W 13th Ave)

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Rain reduces fire danger level

Following a bout of rain over the weekend, the local Fire Danger Level has been reduced to "low" by South Lane County Fire and Rescue.

Outdoor burning is still prohibited until the fire season is over.

The following are guidelines under the "low risk" designation:

- Smoking allowed in designated locations, vehicles on improved roads and

boats in the water

- Campfires allowed in designated locations

- Portable cooking stoves using liquified fuels are okay

- No Fireworks

- No exploding targets, tracer ammunition or sky lanterns

- Electric fences must be UL approved

- All vehicles must have a shovel and fire extinguisher or gallon of water. ATV's

and motorcycles must be equipped with a fire

- Sky lanterns are prohibited year-round throughout Oregon.

Fire Chief John Wooten said there are several scheduled burns which will produce smoke in the area and he asks residents to not call 911 to report them.

To see daily fire danger levels and permitted activities visit www.southlane-fire.org

Yard of the Week

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Week of September 23rd Winner is: 917 Blue Sky Dr.
 Yards will be selected each week by nominations.
 To nominate a yard you can call City Hall (942-5501) or Chamber of Commerce (942-2411)

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