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## Redmond brush fire closes airport

BY BRENN A VISSER

The Bulletin  
A brush fire Tuesday afternoon in Redmond grew to 50-100 acres as the temperature soared to 111 degrees.

The fire, which started just after 2 p.m. near the Redmond Air Center, was initially reported as be-

ing larger, but fire officials downgraded the size Tuesday evening.

The Redmond Airport closed to air travel Tuesday afternoon, and one operations building on the north side of the airport property was evacuated, said Zach Bass, airport director. The

terminal was not evacuated, but flights were diverted, delayed or canceled, Bass said. He said air travel would resume when fire crews say it's safe.

Firefighters had earlier contained a smaller brush fire, called the Antler Fire, that started around

12:15 p.m. on Tuesday in Redmond near SE Evergreen Avenue off state Highway 126, according to Ken Kehmna, Redmond's Fire chief.

State Highway 126 was closed in the area on Tuesday. One lane of the highway reopened just before

6 p.m. The causes of both fires are under investigation, Kehmna said. The fire is near several homeless encampments, which have had to be evacuated. Kehmna did not have an estimate for the number of homeless people affected.

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## Heat dome, winds, climate change come together for higher temps

BY MATTHEW CAPPUCCI AND JASON SAMENOW

The Washington Post

Temperatures across the Pacific Northwest have spiked to unheard-of levels while populations struggle to cope.

Canada shattered its all-time temperature record Monday when Lytton, British Columbia, shot up to 118 degrees — higher than any temperature ever observed in Las Vegas.

The ongoing event affecting the northwestern United States and adjacent Canada is firmly within uncharted territory because of a combination of weather effects and climate-driven warming.

### Heat dome

At its core, this event is being driven by an exceptionally strong heat dome. Heat domes, or sprawling ridges of high pressure, are a staple of summertime. They bring copious sunshine and sinking air that heats up as it is compressed.

This particular heat dome is unprecedented for its strength in the Pacific Northwest. It has blown away records based on measurements from 3 miles high in the sky down to the ground.

This heat dome may have been pumped up by a tropical storm in the Pacific interacting with the jet stream last week, said Oregon's state climatologist, Larry O'Neill.

The timing of the heat dome has helped maximize its impact. Because it is occurring near the summer solstice, the added daylight is giving the heat dome extra time to increase temperatures, said Rebecca Muesle, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Portland.

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## Record-breaking heat

Weather service: 100-degree days still ahead, but mercury has peaked

BY KYLE SPURR • The Bulletin

Temperatures have never been this hot in the High Desert, but that hasn't stopped arborists with Central Oregon Tree Experts.

The tree-trimming crews, along with other landscaping and maintenance companies, have adjusted their schedules a couple hours earlier to 6 a.m. and finished jobs before the heat of the day, which in Bend Tuesday was a high of 109 degrees.

"We are trying to get things going early," said Brett Miller, owner of Central Oregon Tree Experts. "It's actually pleasant at that time of day."

Miller's company has stayed busy through the record heat wave, which led the National Weather Service in Pendleton on Tuesday to extend an excessive heat warning for the region

through the Fourth of July.

Most of the arborist jobs lately have been for fire mitigation. Miller's crews remove dried brush and tree limbs from homes to help prevent the spread of a wildfire.

"It helps in case somebody tosses a cigarette out in your neighborhood," Miller said. "That's all it takes right now."

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**BELOW: An aerial view of the Deschutes River in Bend on Sunday, as a historic heat wave began to grip Central Oregon. The temperature in Bend was 104.** Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin



## Neighbors remember 2 men who died in Bend homeless camp during heat wave

BY DYLAN JEFFERIES

The Bulletin

The two homeless men who died over the weekend as a heat wave scorched a camp in Bend were identified by the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office as Joseph Davis, 60, and Alonzo "Lonnie" Boardman, 64. The Deschutes County Medical Examiner will determine the manner and cause of death, according to a statement Tuesday from the district attorney's office, which also said the families of both men had been notified. Central

Oregon has been in the grip of a heat wave that began Sunday, when the bodies of the men were discovered and temperatures rose to 104. Some activists and homeless outreach workers are worried that triple-digit temperatures and a lack of proper shelter played a role in the deaths. Bend Police do not suspect any foul play.

Jackie Capasso, who has lived at the homeless camp on Hunnell Road on Bend's north end since October, said she knew Davis for 15 years and Boardman for five.

"I knew both of them," she said Tuesday. "They were both good men."

Capasso said Boardman hailed from South Dakota and was known for having a sharp wit and making people laugh.

"Life was just coming together for Lonnie," she said. "He had just gotten a camper. But the heat bothered Lonnie. He kept saying how the heat made his heart hurt."

Capasso described Joe, a wheelchair user who had recently moved to Hunnell Road from Emerson Av-

enue, as the "nicest guy" who had a "big heart."

"Joe was a lone spirit," she said. "He tried to help people out."

A memorial was planned for Tuesday night for both men by Hunnell Road residents who knew them, Capasso said.

News of the men's deaths and the unabating heat wave sparked increased community outreach across Bend to help get people experiencing homelessness the resources they need to stay safe.

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## Bend teen dies in truck crash at Wickiup Reservoir

BY BRENN A VISSER

The Bulletin

A 17-year-old Bend resident has been charged with criminally negligent homicide after allegedly driving recklessly at Wickiup Reservoir, which resulted in the death of a 16-year-old Bend boy.

Just before midnight on Monday, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office received a report of a crash at Wickiup Reservoir, where a vehicle was underwater with people inside.

The Ford F-150 was completely underwater when deputies arrived, according to the sheriff's office. Five people, all minors, were in the truck at the time of the accident, and all but one had been able to get out, according to the sheriff's office.

Two passengers had serious injuries and were transported to St. Charles Bend. A third suffered injuries not considered life-threatening.

An investigation determined the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol and was driving recklessly on the lake bed, according to the sheriff's office.

In addition to criminally negligent homicide, the driver is charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless endangering and reckless driving.

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