

# Prepping for 'the Big One'

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BAKER CITY — People who live west of the Cascades, where seismologists say a massive earthquake is looming, have been preparing for the damages the great quake will cause.

Those in Northeastern Oregon, however, might not be so seismically inclined.

"The Big One," a product of the Cascadia Subduction Zone off of the Oregon coast, could cause unprecedented damage along the coast, where a catastrophic tsunami is likely, and in

the Willamette Valley.

But emergency management officials say it's time, regardless of its distance from that quake's epicenter, for this part of the state to prepare, too.

"There's more left to do for Eastern Oregon," said Jason Yencopal, Baker County emergency manager. "It started on the coast and moved to Central Oregon, but now we need to focus on Eastern Oregon."

Baker County emergency officials made progress June 27-28 when they hosted a regional Cascadia earthquake exercise at the Baker County Health Department.

Officials from Union, Umatilla and Harney counties also participated at their respective emergency headquarters.

Yencopal said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is helping Baker County and other counties set up exercises.

Several state agencies also participated, including the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Transportation, along with a handful of county agencies including the road, planning and health departments.

During the exercise, Yencopal and others worked with a FEMA contractor to create a list of possible scenarios that

could occur in an earthquake. A worker in Umatilla county relayed these scenarios to Baker County, and responders dealt with them as if they were happening in real time.

The exercise started with communications practice. The team dealt with a scenario where usual radio communications were down and they had to rely on handheld radio correspondence to Haines and Halfway.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone in the Pacific Ocean, about 70 to 100 miles west of the Oregon coast, is where one tectonic plate is plunging under another. Scientists estimate that this fault pro-

duces a mega-earthquake, potentially magnitude 9.0 or higher, every 300 to 700 years. According to Oregon.gov, scientists give a 37% chance that the fault will produce an earthquake in the next 50 years.

And since physical damage in Western Oregon would be significant, transportation in Eastern Oregon could be a problem.

In one hypothetical scenario during the June 27-28 exercise, 20 buses and 200 cars full of evacuees arrived in Baker County, prompting Yencopal and his crew to register them at a Red Cross shelter.

## COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

### Oregon State Police

**June 21**  
8:10 p.m.: Trooper stopped a white Chevrolet Express van for speeding on Highway 395 South in Canyon City and determined the driver showed signs of impairment. Michael Robert Ray Jackson, 60, of Gig Harbor, Washington, was arrested for driving under the influence. His blood alcohol level reportedly measured 0.11%.

### July 1

12:27 a.m.: Trooper responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near milepost 167 and found a Volkswagen Jetta that had run off the road. The driver had left the scene. Trooper determined the driver had been traveling east at about 70 mph when she lost control of the vehicle while looking at a text message on her cell phone. The car went into a slide, hit a fog marker, then went through a barbed-wire fence and into a pasture. A passing motorist pulled the car out of the field and onto the shoulder, but it was undrivable. The driver, Rachel C. McNeal, 27, of Prairie City, was contacted at her residence and cited for reckless driving, failure to perform the duties of a driver in an accident with property damage, open container and driving while using an electronic device. The car was towed from the scene.

8:30 p.m.: While patrolling Magone Lake, trooper contacted a group of young men who were fishing, drinking alcohol and had an illegal fire. Three of the young men were cited for minor in possession of alcohol. One man was cited and released on a Baker County warrant for failure to comply and littering within 100 yards of a waterway. One man was cited for fishing without a license. The men returned to the campsite to clean it up and completely extinguish their fire. Multiple warnings were issued for reckless burning, and one individual was warned for furnishing the alcohol.

9:54 p.m.: Trooper stopped a Ford F-150 pickup for multiple traffic violations on Highway 26 near milepost 144. Trooper observed signs of impairment and arrested the driver,

Luke Micah Johnson, 45, of Dayville, for driving under the influence. Johnson initially refused a breath test, but after a warrant was obtained gave a breath sample that reportedly showed a blood alcohol level of 0.20%.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending July 6:

Concealed handgun licenses: 4  
Average inmates: 12  
Bookings: 6  
Releases: 4  
Arrests: 4  
Citations: 2  
Fingerprints: 4  
Civil papers: 14  
Warrants processed: 4  
Assist/welfare check: 1  
Search and rescue: 1

### Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending July 6:

Traffic citations filed: 18  
Violations filed: 3  
Fish & game violations: 1  
Small claims filed: 0  
Cases on probation: 34  
Hearings held: 4  
Driver's license suspensions: 5  
Warrants issued: 0

Violation of the basic rule: Mitch Wayburn Griffith, 32, Condon, June 4, 64/45 zone, fined \$165; Christopher Joel Wray, 36, Coos Bay, June 22, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; James K. Brusse, 55, Gig Harbor, Washington, June 15, 79/55 zone, fined \$265; Crysta Sara Wise, 25, Mt. Vernon, June 20, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Michael Allen Cowan, 50, Baker City, June 18, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Kristin Kay Kelly, 30, Ontario, June 13, 50/35 zone, fined \$165; Christina Denton Ritner, 44, Kimberly, June 24, 77/55 zone, fined \$200.

Exceeding the speed limit: Patrick S. Clewis, 56, Rochester, Washington, June 13, 83/65 zone, fined \$265; David Allen Strange, 26, Weiser, Idaho, May 29, 57/30 zone, fined \$265; juvenile, 16, John Day, June 5, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Connor Ryan O'Guinn, 28, Libby, Montana, June 20, 50/30 zone, fined \$165; Lisa Lynn Yamaoka, 49, Mocksville, North Carolina, June 22, 44/30 zone, fined \$165; Robert Stephen Winter, 55, Mill Creek, Washington, June 26, 56/30 zone, fined \$265; Christy The-

resa Flores, 22, Prairie City, June 13, 84/65 zone, fined \$265; Nicole Codi Bara, 41, Lakewood, Colorado, June 9, 76/55 zone, fined \$265; Madeline Clara Nilsson, 31, La Grande, June 16, 74/65 zone, fined \$165.

Driving while suspended or revoked: James Michael Jones, 23, John Day, June 1, fined \$440; Anthony Marco Romero Sr., 27, Burns, June 6, fined \$440.

Driving uninsured: James Michael Jones, 23, John Day, June 1, fined \$265; Mateo Isidoro Gastelum, 20, Gresham, June 5, fined \$265.

Carrying a child outside a vehicle: Nicole Codi Bara, 41, Lakewood, Colorado, June 9, fined \$265.

Failure to properly secure a child: Nicole Codi Bara, 41, Lakewood, Colorado, June 9, fined \$115.

Failure to register a vehicle: Mateo Isidoro Gastelum, 20, Gresham, June 5, fined \$115.

Minor in possession of alcohol: Jesse Moline Brodrick, 20, Portland, July 1, fined \$265.

Fishing without a license: Christian C. Olson, 21, Waukesha, Wisconsin, July 1, fined \$340.

### Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 134 calls during the week ending July 6, including:

#### • Oregon State Police

**June 30**  
4:54 p.m.: Advised of disabled vehicle in Picture Gorge.

#### July 1

9:03 p.m.: Advised of cattle on Highway 26 near milepost 143.

#### • Grant County Sheriff

**June 29**  
5:52 p.m.: Responded to a single-vehicle crash and fire with no injuries on Highway 395 North near milepost 77B. A recreational vehicle was destroyed by fire after a crash. Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation and John Day Ambulance also responded.

#### June 30

8:48 a.m.: Responded to Strawberry Road near Prairie City for a non-injury accident.  
10:11 a.m.: Responded to East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, for an animal neglect complaint. Unfounded.  
11:56 a.m.: Responded to Chester's Market, John Day, for a driving complaint.  
8:02 p.m.: Responded to South Washington Street, Canyon City, for

a burglary report.

8:07 p.m.: Responded to a location near Seneca to dispatch a deer at request of Oregon State Police.

#### July 1

11:33 a.m.: Responded to Highway 26 near milepost 160 for a disabled vehicle.

11:53 a.m.: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard, John Day, for a commercial burglary alarm at the Grant County Education Service District office.

1:19 p.m.: Responded to Boot Hill Cemetery, Canyon City, for a parking complaint.

2:19 p.m.: Responded to Chester's Market, John Day, for a harassment complaint.

3:31: Responded to Dugout Lane, John Day, for an identity theft complaint.

5:59 p.m.: Responded to Highway 395 North and Highway 26, Mt. Vernon, for a harassment complaint.

6:04 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 near milepost 152. Vehicle occupants were escorted to Blue Mountain Hospital, John Day.

7:17 p.m.: Responded to Highway 26 near West Bench Road, John Day, for an assault report.

10:54 p.m.: Responded to Meadowbrook Apartments, John Day, for a report of a domestic dispute.

11:11 p.m.: Responded to Dollar General, John Day, for a suspicious vehicle.

11:33: Responded to Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, for a suspicious person.

#### July 2

1 a.m.: Responded to East Main Street, John Day, for a domestic dispute.

5:08 a.m.: Responded to Northwest Seventh Avenue, John Day, for a burglary alarm.

7:59 a.m.: Responded to West Bench Road, John Day, for a protective order violation.

12:05 p.m.: Responded to Orchard View Road, Kimberly, for a trespassing complaint.

3:10 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 near milepost 142. A 17-year-old Oregon City resident was cited for violation of the basic rule (83/55 zone).

5:54 p.m.: Responded to Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for a report of elder abuse.

6:28 p.m.: Responded to Les

Schwab, John Day, for a burglar alarm.

7:04 p.m.: Responded to North Cozart Avenue, Prairie City, for an unattended death.

#### July 3

6:34 p.m.: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for a domestic altercation.

8 p.m.: Responded to Canyon Creek Lane, Canyon City, for a fraud complaint.

11:02 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 395 South near milepost 3. Driver warned for failure to signal.

#### July 4

4:59 p.m.: Traffic stop, Highway 26 near milepost 155. Driver warned for speeding.

5:03 p.m.: Traffic stop, South Canyon Boulevard at Southwest Fourth Avenue, John Day. Driver warned for failure to yield.

6:48 p.m.: Responded to Meadowbrook Apartments, John Day, for custodial interference.

#### July 5

9:27 a.m.: Responded to Patterson Drive, Canyon City, for a domestic dispute. Jared J. Baker, 27, was arrested on charges of fourth-degree assault, strangulation and menacing.

8:02 p.m.: Responded to Luce Creek. A member of the public was given a courtesy ride.

8:48 p.m.: Responded to Hillcrest Drive, John Day, for a welfare check.

#### July 6

8:13 a.m.: Responded to Northeast Dayton Street, John Day, for a burglary complaint.

8:54 a.m.: Responded to East Main Street, John Day, for a criminal mischief complaint.

9:15 a.m.: Responded to Ingle Street, Mt. Vernon, for reports of a man yelling and brandishing brass knuckles. Chance Joseph Fleetwood, 23, was arrested on suspicion of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of an explosive device and other charges.

10:30 a.m.: Responded to Chester's Market for a shoplifting complaint. That complaint was unfounded. However, Austen James Titus, 29, of Baker City was cited and released on a Baker County warrant.

12:37 p.m.: Responded to Southwest Brent Drive, John Day, for a trespassing complaint.

1:43 p.m.: Responded to Ches-

ter's Market, John Day, for a shoplifting complaint.

#### • John Day Ambulance

#### June 30

7:18 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for an unattended death. Grant County Sheriff's Office and Grant County medical examiner also responded.

12:18 p.m.: Dispatched to Northwest Seventh Avenue for an 86-year-old female who activated a medical alarm.

11:29 p.m.: Patient transfer at the airport.

#### July 1

1:49 p.m.: Dispatched to Chester's Market for a 92-year-old female who fell and injured her head.

#### July 2

7:12 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for a 90-year-old male with extreme back pain.

11:48 a.m.: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a 99-year-old female with a nosebleed.

#### July 3

12:37 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park. Patient transported to Blue Mountain Hospital.

11:45 a.m.: Dispatched to Highway 26 west of John Day for a 26-year-old female with asthma-related breathing difficulties.

#### July 4

7:09 a.m.: Dispatched to Riverside Mobile Home Park for a patient transport.

1:37 p.m.: Dispatched to South Canyon Boulevard for a medical alarm.

#### July 6

9:42 a.m.: Dispatched to Blue Mountain Care Center, Prairie City, for an 84-year-old male with a possible stroke.

10:57 a.m.: Patient transported from Blue Mountain Care Center to Blue Mountain Hospital.

#### • Seneca Ambulance

#### July 6

12:33 p.m.: Dispatched to Izee-Paulina Highway for a 74-year-old male with a urinary tract issue.

#### • Mt. Vernon Fire

#### June 30

6:50 a.m.: Responded to a grill fire at the Silver Spur Cafe. Grant County Sheriff's Office also responded.



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## Oregon Department of Transportation

# NOTICE OF ROAD WORK


### GRANT COUNTY AREA CHIP SEALS

(U.S. 26 / U.S. 395)

Beginning July 11, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) maintenance forces will be chip sealing three highway sections in the Grant County area. A fourth highway section will be chip sealed under a separate contract. This work includes two sections of U.S. 26 (John Day Hwy.) between the junction of OR 19 and John Day, a section of U.S. 395-C (John Day - Burns Hwy.) between Canyon City and Star Ridge and the portion of U.S. 395-B (Pendleton-John Day Hwy.) between Long Creek and Mt. Vernon.

1. U.S. 26 between the junction of OR 19 (milepost 124.15) and Old Highway Road on the east end of Dayville (milepost 131.43). This work is expected to begin July 11 and take about three days.
2. U.S. 26 between the junction of U.S. 395 in Mt. Vernon (milepost 154.03) and Napa Auto Parts at the west end of John Day (milepost 161.55). This work is expected to begin July 13 and take about four days.
3. U.S. 395-C between the south end of Canyon City near Adam Road (milepost 2.32) and Starr Ridge at USFS road 4920 (milepost 15.56). This work will begin around July 18 and take about a week.
4. U.S. 395-B starting about a half-mile south of Long Creek (milepost 90.77) and continuing to the junction of U.S. 26 in Mt. Vernon (milepost 120.51). This work will be constructed under separate contract and is expected to begin late July and take about two weeks to complete.

NOTE: All dates are dependent on weather conditions and other factors that may impact the project start and end times.



**PARKING RESTRICTIONS:** No parking in downtown area work zones (Dayville, Mt. Vernon, John Day and Canyon City) during chip seal activities.

**TRAVEL IMPACTS:** Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Minor delays during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Please reduce speed and watch for construction activities in the area. Plan extra travel time and slow down to prevent loose rock from flying onto other vehicles. Crews will sweep roadway, but expect some loose rock to be present for several days after chip seal.

Bicycle riders should be prepared for traveling on rock chip covered highway sections behind a pilot car with no usable shoulders. Use alternate routes or delay travel if possible to avoid chip seal work zone. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be provided access through or around the work zone.

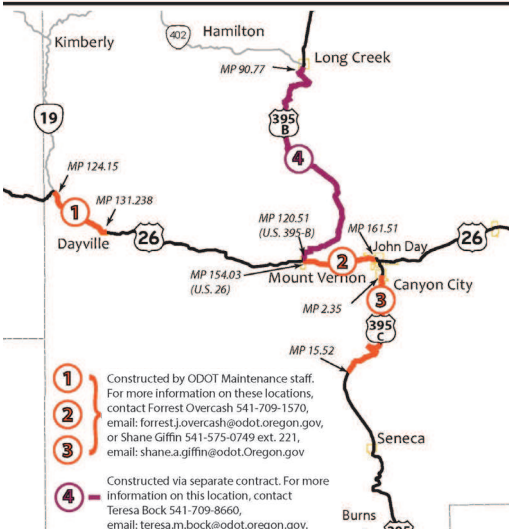
**RANCHERS, FARMERS, PROPERTY OWNERS:** Please keep farm equipment off the impacted highway sections during and up to two days after the chip sealing. Also, adjust irrigation pivots and lawn sprinklers to keep water off the roadway. If you have plans for moving livestock on these highway sections, please advise ODOT Transportation Coordinator Forrest Overcash at (541) 709-1570, or by email at [forrest.j.overcash@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:forrest.j.overcash@odot.oregon.gov).

**We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation during this paving operation.**

For more info on these projects, see contact information listed for each location on map.

For information on other eastern Oregon highway construction projects contact Vicki Moles at 541-620-4527 [Vicki.L.Moles@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:Vicki.L.Moles@odot.oregon.gov). For updated road conditions check [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com) or call 511, or (800) 977-6368.

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1 Constructed by ODOT Maintenance staff. For more information on these locations, contact Forrest Overcash 541-709-1570, email: [forrest.j.overcash@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:forrest.j.overcash@odot.oregon.gov), or Shane Giffin 541-575-0749 ext. 221, email: [shane.giffin@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:shane.giffin@odot.oregon.gov)

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