

Hunting restrictions announced

The Oregon Department of Forestry will impose road restrictions in the western part of the Tillamook State Forest to give deer and elk a better chance of escaping during hunting season.

Some roads will be closed to motorized use during the general archery and rifle hunting seasons in September, October and November. Selected roads in the Trask, Wilson and Nehalem River areas will be gated and signed.

Controlled access during the three-month period is designed to reduce hunting pressure in these areas.

Hunters and other recreational users are welcome to access the gated areas by foot, mountain bike, horse or other nonmotorized means.

ODF is partnering with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Tillamook Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association in the program. The partnership has been in place for 15 years and gate locations change year to year.

For more information, call Gary Baker at 503-842-2545 or Herman Biederbeck at 503-842-2741.

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Wildfires: Fire agencies take new approach

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interagency hotshot crews.

The agencies have more than 600 pieces of specialized equipment available for use, including engines, water tenders, bulldozers, and more. There are 23 single-engine air tankers, six water scoopers and 41 helicopters.

DOI is nearing completion of more than 2,500 wildfire risk-reduction projects on more than 1.2 million acres of DOI and tribally administered lands in some of the most fire-prone areas of the country.

Due to a cool, wet spring, wildfire activity has been below normal this year.

Last year was one of the

most catastrophic on record with more than 58,000 wildfires burning over 8.8 million acres. Nearly 26,000 structures were destroyed, more than double the previous annual record.

As wildfire activity increases, DOI, in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, is moving wildfire suppression resources to the most susceptible areas around the country.

The most recent outlook forecasts potential for above-normal fire activity in western Oregon and Washington, parts of California and Nevada, and the interior of Alaska.

“Most of the western states experienced a wet spring, which allowed vegetation to grow thickly and quickly,” said Bryan Henry a program manager in a federal program predicting wildfire activity.

“The wet, cool spring delayed fire season, though now, we are seeing hot and dry weather throughout most of the western states, which is rapidly drying the abundant vegetation and creating fuel for wildfires.”

Also this month, public utility commissioners from British Columbia, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington convened at the Oregon Convention Center for a public dialogue focused on wildfire risk and mitigation.

The meeting featured experts who shared their perspectives and evolving approaches to address rapidly changing wildfire risk, driven by climate change and other factors.

Public utility commissions are responsible for ensuring safe and reliable access to utility services.

The Oregon Board of Forestry meets Wednesday in Salem for an update on the fire season, review forest conditions and identify other issues.

Members of the public are welcome to comment at the meeting, which will be in the Tillamook Room, Building C, at the Oregon Department of Forestry headquarters, 2600 State St.

Big band performs Labor Day concert

North Coast Big Band presents its annual Labor Day Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2, in Clatskanie City Park on Highway 30.

The band includes members from throughout Clatsop County and the North Coast. Admission is free.

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