

# Fire danger level raised across Clatsop County

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Seaside Signal

Seaside responded to fire precautions issued by the state Thursday, implementing recreational fire restrictions and limiting some industrial activities to early daylight hours.

"It's just way too dry" for burning later in the day, Seaside Division Chief Chris Dugan said.

As of Thursday, in response to a dry summer and rising wildfire danger, the state raised the industrial fire precaution level from Level 1 to Level 2 for the Northwest 1 Zone. This zone stretches from Astoria to the border between Tillamook and Lincoln counties and includes forest lands surrounding Seaside and Cannon Beach.

Under Level 2, called Partial Hootowl, power saw use, blasting and welding — among other activities — are allowed only at night and in the morning and afternoon between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Level 2 requires a two-hour fire watch — fire monitoring at least two hours after operations cease.

## Bark dust fires

Within Seaside city limits, there have been no fire incidents of a large scale, Dugan said, but the department has seen an increase in bark dust fires this year, a symptom of the dry summer. Bark dust fires are usually the result of careless cigarette disposal, he said.

Although they are considered trivial, Dugan cautioned, "all fires start small, and they can spread."

Each year, during fire season, all lands outside city limits but within the Seaside Rural Fire Protection District become regulated by the state's Department of Forestry.

Seaside Fire & Rescue continues responding to incidents in city limits, but when it comes to wild or forest land fires in the rural district, the forestry department's crews respond in conjunction with the local fire department, Dugan said.

"Restrictions are pretty much tight everywhere, because of the conditions this year," said Rod Nichols, an information officer with the state department.

To date, about 620 fires have burned more than 3,300

acres on lands protected by the Department of Forestry and forest protective associations. Of these, 429 have been caused by people.

According to the new precautions, recreational fires are allowed by permit under certain guidelines issued by the Department of Forestry and the Clatsop County Fire Defense Board. Recreational fires must be at designated campsites, personal residences or beaches and no closer than 50 feet from dune grass or 15 feet from any structures. These fires must be clear of all combustibles and completely extinguished prior to leaving. The maximum fire size is 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, and the maximum fire pit size is 4 feet in diameter.

Chain saw use on personal property is allowed only until 1 p.m. daily.

## Higher risk

"It is standard for the levels to rise this time of year, but we're seeing areas at a higher level right now than often times in the past," Nichols said.

For instance, the Douglas County area is at a Level 4,

Public restrictions on forest lands also have been in effect since June, because of high temperatures, low precipitation and similar factors. The restrictions apply to lands in Clatsop County that are protected by the Department of Forestry. They are as follows:

- Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in closed vehicles on improved roads.
- Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated locations. Use of wood burning devices, used in conjunction with temporary dwellings, including tents and trailers, is prohibited.
- Non-industrial use of chain saws is prohibited, except as waived by the forester.
- Use of motorized vehicles, including

## Public restrictions

motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads and designated areas.

- Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state and county roads: one gallon of water or one operational fire extinguisher and one shovel.
- Use of fireworks, exploding targets, tracer ammunition and sky lanterns are prohibited during fire season.
- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited.
- All open debris burning is prohibited with two exceptions. Burn barrels are allowed by permit, and metal barrels in good condition, heavy mesh screens, an available water supply and hand-tools are required. Burn barrels only are allowed from daylight to 10 a.m.

or general shutdown, "and it's not very often we get up to a Level 4 in this state," he said.

A large portion of the state has been in a drought for about three years, with two severe fire seasons last year and in 2013, which was the most expensive fire season in department history, Nichols said.

"We're really primed to have fires, and if we do get

fire starts, it's likely they'll spread rapidly because of conditions," he added.

"Right now, the restrictions are fairly tight around the state," Nichols said. "We're in the most active period of the fire season."

Additionally, the Department of Forestry and the state Fire Marshal are asking for the public's cooperation in general to prevent human-caused fires by

reducing fire-prone activities.

"We're looking at a formidable fire weather forecast," Oregon State Forester Doug Decker stated in a news release. "The benefit of any recent moisture we've received has now evaporated, and we're looking straight at record-breaking temperatures, extremely low humidities and dry lightning: the trifecta of bad wildfire conditions."

# Group strolls through Seaside to battle Parkinson's

## Event designed as fundraiser for organization serving those with disease

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A Seaside team raised awareness and more than \$2,600 for the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation during the fundraising event "Strolling in Seaside" July 25.

Led by captain Tina Sawyer, a Seaside resident, and her loyal companion, Anniken Sawyer, a 2-year-old cockapoo, the group walked along the Promenade from Avenue U to the Seaside Aquarium. The event was an extension of the foundation's second annual "Walk in the Park," held the same day in Seattle. People with Parkinson's Disease, care partners, professionals and friends walked a two-mile course at Magnuson Park to raise awareness and funds.

While they could not physically attend the Seattle walk, about a dozen people and four canine participants participated in the Strolling in Seaside event.

Sawyer organized the local fundraiser. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease about 10 years ago and has since become an advocate for research, education and support services, which are



The Strolling in Seaside team walked along the Promenade from Avenue U to the Seaside Aquarium July 25 to bring awareness to Parkinson's Disease as part of the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation's 2015 Team Parkinson's campaign.

offered through the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation.

Others who joined Sawyer for the walk had been similarly affected by the disease. Jenny Becker, owner of B. Boutique on Broadway, said the issue was "real near and dear" to her heart. Her father, Dan Mackey, a longtime employee of Windermere in Cannon Beach, died five years ago. His struggle with the disease "affected our family in a deep way," she said.

"It's just a blessing for me to find out about this and be here and honor my dad," Becker said.

It's also important, she added, for the caretakers of individuals with Parkinson's disease to receive advocacy and support.

Celia Young, a physical therapist from Yakima, Wash., led the group in stretches before they took their stroll. People were encouraged to participate in the walk for whatever time or distance they could.

Steve Wright, executive director of Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, said the organization encourages people who can't come to Seattle for "Walk in the Park" to host walks in their hometowns.

"They're raising money and doing a great job and part of our family," he said. "We encourage people to do that because people can't always come to Seattle for our services and for our events."

The walks are part of the foundation's annual cam-

paign, Team Parkinson's, which is the overall brand for the group's event-based fundraising, Wright said.

Each year, dozens of events are held and numerous people fundraise under the auspices of Team Parkinson's. The funds that are raised are spent in the northwest region, or Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. The organization offers services such as classes, the dissemination of educational information that might be pertinent to individuals with Parkinson's or their caretakers, awareness programs and advocacy.

"Our mission is to improve quality of life," Wright said. "We're the link between diagnosis before we find a cure."

## Nonprofit to host program on Parkinson's disease

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One of the state's leading experts in the treatment and research of Parkinson's disease will be the featured speaker at an educational program in Seaside on Aug. 14.

Dr. Richard Rosenbaum, a neurologist and medical director of the Portland Parkinson's Program, will give a presentation from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Bob Chisholm Community Center, at 1225 Ave. A. The program is being offered through the Parkinson's Resources of Oregon, a Portland-based nonprofit that helps people with Parkinson's disease through support groups, classes, conferences, personal support and advocacy.

An estimated 25,000 people in Oregon and southern Washington have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, according to the organization. It is the second most common neurodegenerative disease, after Alzheimer's, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

During his lecture, Rosenbaum will give information on understanding, diagnosing, treating and dealing with the disease. People will learn how Parkinson's can affect mood, thinking and memory; how to identify if or when that may be a problem; and what treatment options and strategies exist to help individuals cope with cognitive changes and challenges.

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