



Coos Forest Protective Association

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Firefighters Contain Fire In Allegany

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) responded to a fire in the Allegany area last night at around 5:00P.M. The fire started along the West Fork Millicoma Road and burned uphill through the timber. CFPA brought in engines, handcrews, and multiple aircraft to stop the fire. Firefighters were able to stop the fire at 5 acres. Fire crews will be working on finishing firelines and securing the perimeter today. Fire crews will be working over the next several days mopping up the fire. Cause of the fire is under investigation.



For more information on fire prevention and closure requirements contact the CFPA Closure Information Line at (541) 267-1789, visit the website at www.coosfpa.net, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Wildfire Prevention Requires Everyone

Fire season is in full swing around the state and firefighters are engaged trying to control several large fires across Oregon. Fuel conditions are at levels we do not see until late August, fires are starting easy, spreading fast, and are resistant to control efforts. Weather is forecasted to be warm and dry with no rain through August. Preventing wildfires is everybody's responsibility, so help by following fire prevention requirements. For firefighters to be successful this summer the public needs to do its part to prevent fires from starting.



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- Debris burning is prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestland; except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated areas.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Use of sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are allowed on improved roads or trail systems free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads, and driveways: one shovel, one axe or Pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires are allowed only at designated locations.
- Powersaw use is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M., each powersaw must have a shovel and 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. A firewatch of one hour is required after the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M., the area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charge water hose or 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M. The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.
- Any other spark emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M. when the area is cleared of flammable materials.

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Make Fire Prevention A Priority This 4th of July

Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. While you are out enjoying your celebration, remember that fire season and regulated use restrictions are in effect. Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. If you plan on using fireworks please keep the following things in mind:

- Use of fireworks outside of city limits is prohibited
- Only use fireworks that are legal for use in Oregon
- Always have a bucket of water or fire extinguisher immediately available
- Always use fireworks as intended by the manufacturer, never modify or alter them



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Do your part to make this Independence Day a safe and fire free holiday. For more information on fire restrictions and prevention you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at (541) 267-1789, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



COOS FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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Firefighters Trained For Battling Wildfire This Summer

Beginning firefighters finished up their basic training over the weekend to become entry level firefighters for CFPA. Every summer CFPA hires on seasonal firefighters to fight wildfires across the south coast, but before these firefighters can hit the fireline they have to be trained. Beginning firefighters spend their first week in the classroom learning fire behavior, basic firefighting, and safety. After a week of classroom training all their new skills are to put into practice with a day of field exercises.



Firefighters spent Saturday digging handline and deploying hoselays in the Winchester Bay area. This practical training combined with classroom training provides our entry level firefighters with basic skills needed to be effective in helping suppress wildfires during initial attack.





COOS FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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Fire Danger Level Increases To Moderate

The cool, damp weather from last week is over and warm temperatures and strong winds have prompted Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) to increase the fire danger level to “Moderate” effective Friday, June 25, 2021. Fuel conditions are much drier than normal for this time of year, and with forecasted weather conditions for the next week of well above normal temperatures conditions will get much drier. CFPA is asking the public’s continued help with fire prevention this summer. The chart below explains the restrictions on the public.



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Fire Season Begins Friday, June 4, 2021

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) announced today that fire season will officially begin at 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 4, 2021. The start of fire season activates restrictions for both public and industrial forest use on all public, private, county, state, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands within CFPA's District boundaries.

The start of fire season means the end of unregulated, outside burning for rural Coos, Curry and western Douglas Counties. The outside burning of debris piles and the use of burn barrels will be prohibited until fire season is terminated.

Residents living within an incorporated city need to contact their local fire department for burning restrictions and permit details.

Under Oregon law, the use of tracer ammunition and exploding targets is prohibited during fire season, and the use of sky lanterns is prohibited year round.

Regulated Use restrictions will also be implemented, putting restrictions on public activities based on daily fire danger levels for specific activities.

Industrial fire regulations will also go into effect. Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 1 prohibits smoking while working on or traveling through an industrial operation. Specified fire tools and suppression equipment must be maintained on all operations. A fire watch is also required on all industrial operation sites.

As fire season progresses, additional closures and restrictions may be imposed as weather conditions and fire danger becomes more severe.

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Wildfire Prevention Should Be On Everybody's Mind

Sunny and dry weather is forecast through the weekend, and this means that your activities could start a wildfire if you do not exercise caution. This spring has been one of the driest along the southern Oregon coast in many years and fuel conditions are near fire season levels already. CFPA reminds residents to think of wildfire prevention when they are out enjoying this warm and dry weather. If you do decide to burn make sure you have the resources to maintain control of your burn and an adequate clearing around your pile. Debris burning is one of the leading causes of wildfires in Oregon.

There are several reasons why debris burns escape control and can lead to safety concerns such as:

- Burning in high winds.
- Not having a safe clearing around the pile.
- Leaving a debris burn unattended.
- Not making sure the burn is completely out before piling more debris on the pile.
- Burning too large of a pile without having the necessary resources to burn safely.



For burning restrictions inside the city limits contact your local fire department. For more information on fire prevention you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net or on Facebook.



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Better Weather Ahead

Springtime debris burning is a common way of cleaning up property in rural Oregon, but it also means the possibility of increased wildfire responses for first responders. CFPA encourages homeowners to complete their debris burning in the spring before summer conditions set in. Weather forecasts show cooler weather and rain possible for the weekend. Rainy weather is always a good time to get debris burning accomplished, rather than on dry and windy days. Burners need to be aware that it does not take long for conditions to dry back out, so keep piles at a size where they will burn up quickly. Safe debris burning is the key, and there are a few things to keep in mind to burn safely, such as:

- **Only burn woody materials** (tires, plastics, garbage, and other similar materials are not legal to burn in Oregon).
- **Have a safe clearing around and above your pile.**
- **Keep your burn pile to a manageable size.**
- **Not burning on hot or windy days.**
- **Be in attendance of your debris burn until it is out.**
- **Have adequate resources to control your burn** (the larger the pile the more resources needed to do it safely. A 3-foot by 3-foot pile may only require the presence of a charged garden hose, but a large 30-foot by 30-foot machine-built pile may require a water truck and excavator to burn safely).



While it is legal to debris burn in Oregon, it is also your responsibility to do so safely. When burning take into consideration wind direction and avoid impacting others with your smoke.

For more information on fire prevention or fire danger levels contact CFPA at 541-267-3161, visit us on the web at www.coosfpa.net or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Windy Weather & Debris Burning Not A Good Combination

It is going to be sunny and windy for the remainder of April, and with the dry spring this year we have not had a green up. Right now, fuels are still dormant from winter and are susceptible to fire. Yesterday CFPA responded to five escaped debris burns that were aided by dry, dormant fuels and strong winds. It is time to start thinking about wildfire prevention with any recreation activities and debris burning you do. If you do decide to burn make sure you have the resources to maintain control of your burn and an adequate clearing around your pile. Debris burning is one of the leading causes of wildfires in Oregon.

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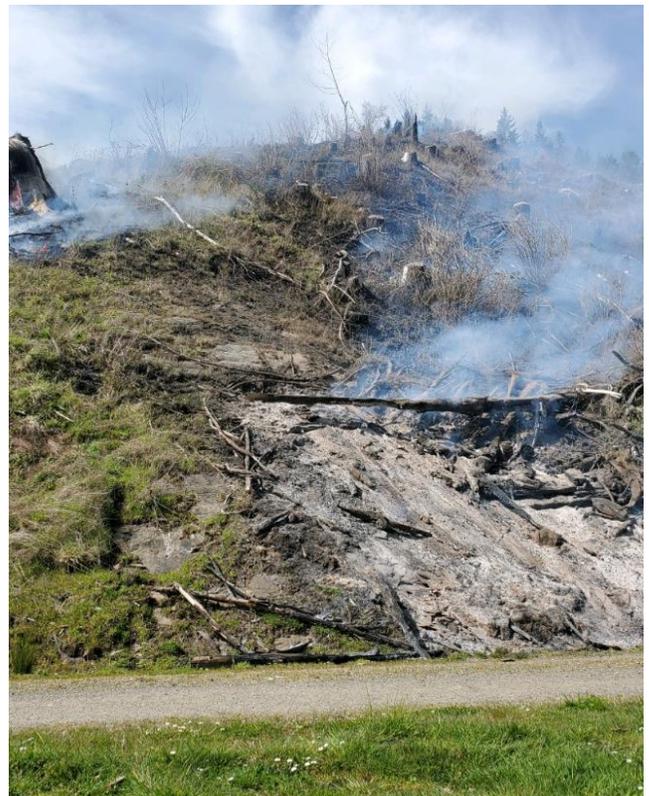
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Safe Debris Burning is a Must

Spring time debris burning is a normal way of cleaning up property in rural Oregon, but it also means an increase in wildfire responses for first responders. CFPA has always encouraged homeowners to get their debris burning done in the spring before summer conditions set in. We have been experiencing dry, windy weather for the last few weeks and fuel conditions are drying quickly. CFPA appreciates those that have been doing their debris burns safely throughout this weather as we have not had an overabundance of escaped debris burns. Safe debris burning is the key, and there are a few things to keep in mind to burn safely, such as:

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Make Your Memorial Weekend Fire Safe

Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) wishes everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day. Many people will be getting out to enjoy the outdoors and the warm weather. This has been one of the driest springs we have had in Oregon and brush and ground fuels are dry, so use caution when camping and BBQing.

When you are out enjoying your holiday weekend, remember that fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. For more information on fire restrictions and prevention you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at (541) 267-1789, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Fire Season Will Be Here Soon

This has been a dry spring and fuel conditions are near fire season levels. Now is the time to start thinking about fire prevention. The small and scattered rain events we have been getting are holding off the declaration of fire season. Once fire season is declared all debris burning will be prohibited. Large piles built with machinery will hold heat for long periods of time. If you have large piles waiting for significant wetting rains in the fall is the safest option for burning them. To discuss safe burning conditions please call your nearest CFPA office.



Any time you debris burn you are responsible for maintaining control of your burn. For burning restrictions inside the city limits contact your local fire department. You can find more information on fire prevention on the web at www.coosfpa.net, on Facebook, or call (541) 267-3161.