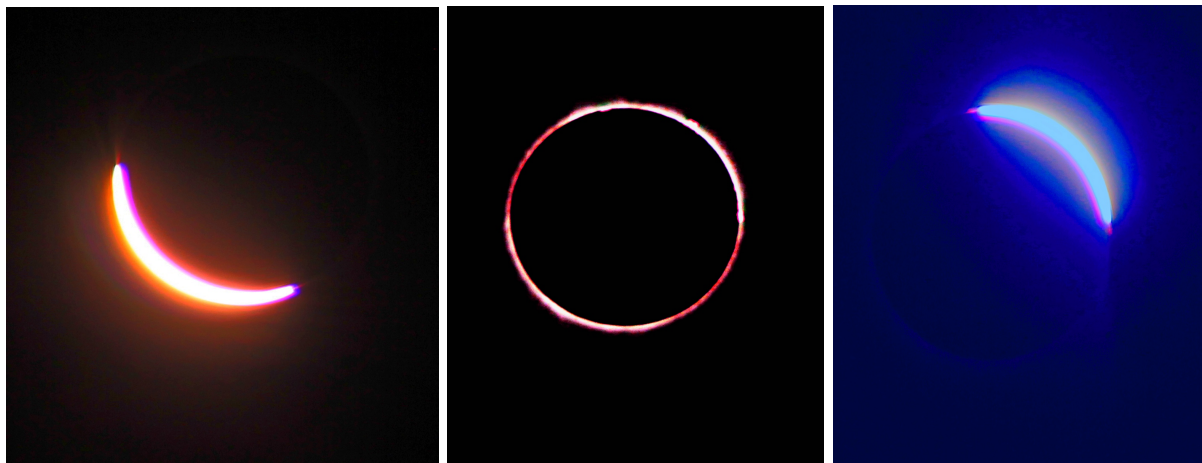




**NW Oregon Fire Prevention and Education Team  
Daily Report  
August 18-21, 2017  
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**Team Accomplishment August 18-21<sup>th</sup>:**

***Overview:***

These four days were punctuated by field deployment of each sub-team to their respective areas for overnight assignments working their “trap-lines,” building up to and experiencing the Eclipse event. Checking in and out, along with driving safety, and personal wellness during “camping” were top priorities.

***Product Delivery, Coordination and Relationship Building:***

- **Salem BLM Office - August 18th**
  - North Santiam and Mary’s Peak teams spent the day preparing for moving from the Salem BLM Office to their “field” locations.
  - ✓ Organized Fire Prevention Education materials, supplies and logistics for a 4-day camp out.

- **North Santiam: August 19 - 21, 2017**
  - **Little North Fork Santiam Road – Salem BLM and Willamette NF –August 19<sup>th</sup>**
    - Placed eight signs at the following locations along the Little North Fork Road Santiam, and distributed Stickers, Decals & Coins to Camp Hosts and visitors at each location including:
      - ✓ Canyon Creek Recreation Site
      - ✓ Bear Creek Park & Campground
      - ✓ Elkhorn Valley Campground
      - ✓ Three Pools Recreation Site
      - ✓ Junction of turnoff to Shady Cove and Main Road
      - ✓ Santiam Crossing Restaurant
  - Upon arrival, we checked in with Acting District Ranger Robert Gentry and coordinated our planned activities. Jessica Haddon (District Fire) was identified as our POC for our stay on the district. We also checked in with PIOF Kathy Russell, Willamette NF PIO Eclipse/Fire Prevention Strike Team, and provided Eclipse and Fire Prevention materials for the Information Table set up outside the front of the Ranger District office.

***Notes of the Day:***

- ❖ Met with the North Santiam ODF FMO at District Office. Provided staff with a large “Don’t Dump Coals” sign along with Rack Cards, Patrol Cards, Decals and Stickers.
- ❖ Contacted the ODF PIO and coordinated activities.
- ❖ A camper at the Bear Creek Campground alerted us that the Camp Host was telling folks that it was OK to have campfires at that location. In fact, the Camp Host was selling all campers firewood that they used the previous night. He was thought to have left with no intention to return to duty earlier that morning. At the next site (Elkhorn Valley) we inquired with the Hosts if they had any further information. They believed that he was disgruntled and had probably left the area. The County Sherriff pulled up while we were there and we related the story. The Sherriff planned to follow-up on the host and his banned activities. We assured the campers at Bear Creek that there in fact was a ban on campfires, and posted signs to that effect that were lacking at the site.
- ❖ Ended the day by meeting with acting District Ranger Robert Gentry to review the day’s activities.



- **Detroit Ranger District, Willamette NF – August 20th**
  - Checked in with Acting Ranger Robert Gentry and POC Jessica Haddon to discuss the activities and needs for the day.
    - ✓ Updated radio and obtained a bladder bag, & water cubby for our vehicle.
  - Delivered Prevention materials to staff at the Medical Unit.
  - Restocked the District Fire Cache with Fire Prevention materials for the Eclipse Patrols.
  - Re-stocked front Info Table at the Ranger Station and assisted with visitors along with handing out stickers and coins.
  - Traveled to Marion Forks Recreation area and posted three signs, and interacted with visitors.
  - Traveled to “Camp Pioneer” Boy Scout Camp. They were having an Eclipse event with 250 scout campers. We met with staff and left them placemats, rack cards, decals and stickers.
  - Idanha Market – provided Rack Cards, Bumper Stickers, Decals and Stickers.
  - Detroit Lake State Park – The Campground was at capacity with 350 campers. We left decals and stickers at the camp store for distribution. We walked the loops and talked with campers and provided many children with Fire Prevention stickers and coins. Spoke with the Camp Ranger and was invited to watch the Eclipse from the lakeshore. The Park was hosting four Astrophysicists on site whom we met and welcomed them giving them coins and stickers. We also met the Park Naturalist and strategized material distribution and contacts for the Eclipse Event.
  - Ranger Gentry contacted us and asked if we were willing to handle an information related assignment. We were positioned the Junction of Road 4696 and 4697 off the Breitenbush Road 46. Our mission was to discourage any further camping in the Elk Lake area. We spoke with 25+ carloads of folks and provided them information and options along with fire prevention messaging.
  
- **Detroit Ranger District, Willamette National Forest - August 21**
  - The Total Eclipse of the Sun! (0900-1100)
    - ✓ Glen Sachet stationed himself with the crowds at the Detroit Lake State Park across from the Ranger Station. Kyle Noble was stationed in front of the Ranger Station with district staff and about 25 visitors.
    - ✓ Spoke with many visitors for the next several hours providing stickers and coins.
  - Traveled to Breitenbush Fire Department and met with Chief Jordan Pollack and Fire Crew. Provided decals, tokens & placemats which they plan to use with local youth groups. Discussed their role with urban interface responsible for 80 nearby homes along with the Retreat Center.



*Notes of the Day:*



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- ❖ It was truly “Awesome”!
- ❖ Over the course of four days we handed out over 500 coins, decals and stickers to random people met in restaurants, stores, on the street and forest settings.
  
- **Mary’s Peak:**
  - **Oregon State University – August 19 - 21<sup>st</sup>**
    - We set up and staffed a table with prevention handouts on campus. Used a “banner bug” display to increase visibility and image. Interacted with hundreds of people. The Siuslaw NF provided additional staffing support.
    - We attended the Eclipse viewing sponsored by OSU on their athletic field with several hundred attendees. We handed out 250+ large eclipse/Smokey decals, and one role of the small Smokey Eclipse stickers. We interacted with hundreds of people about wildfire danger, including one woman who sang the entire “Smokey the Bear” song!
  
- **Quartzville Corridor:**
  - **Highway 20 area – August 18<sup>th</sup>**
    - Attended Sweet Home Ranger District morning briefing.
    - Provided the District front desk with a variety of fire prevention and education materials for public distribution.
    - Completed posting fire restriction signs at three campgrounds.
    - Contacted forest users at several sites.
    - Hung “No Campfires” signs at Cascadia Day Use Area.
  
  - **Interstate 5 area and Sweet Home – August 19<sup>th</sup>**
    - Interstate 5:
      - ✓ Delivered stickers, patrol cards and rack cards to visitor information booth at south bound rest stop.
      - ✓ Posted signs at service area at I-5 exit. The attendant offered to pass out stickers and cards with each receipt.
  
    - Sweet Home:
      - ✓ Delivered “Obey Fire Bans,” “No Fire” posters, red pin flags, bumper stickers, patrol cards, stickers, tokens and Smokey Bear trash bags to the Sweet Home Ranger District employees to distribute to forest users.



- ✓ Delivered Smokey/Eclipse materials to Forest Service table at the Sweet Home Community Health and Safety Fair.
- ✓ Patrolled a 20+ mile stretch of the Quartzville Rd:
  - Posted fire restriction signs at rest/picnic areas.
  - Flagged fire pits with “No Fires” pin flags.
  - Contacted 50+ campers about fire restrictions, and distributed trash bags, stickers, and Smokey comic books.
- **Quartzville, Highway 20 and Sweet Home Area – August 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - Checked in with Ranger District staff for updates.
  - Completed Demob package for departing team member.
  - Delivered place mats (aka coloring sheets) to local restaurants.
  - Talked with visitors at Foster Lake day use area, and handed out stickers and Smokey comic books.
  - Drove Highway 20 to Whitewater ICP and exchanged stickers, Eclipse poster and tokens for Fire updates and maps to share with forest visitors.
  - Patrolled the 11 Road flagging fire circles with “No Fires” pin flags.
  - Provided a Law Enforcement Officer stickers for distribution to campers.
  - Scouted areas for continuing patrols and visitor contacts.
- **Sweet Home Ranger District - August 21, 2017**



- Gorden Meadow – Distributed eclipse posters provided by District Ranger and Smokey Bear stickers to groups of people in the meadow after the eclipse event. Spoke with a large 4-H group, and other families about fire prevention.
- Greeted visitors in the District office parking lot and distributed placemats to area restaurants.
- Completed administrative tasks at the district office, organized and distributed remaining supplies.

