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Four Fire Prevention Education Teams are continuing to assist Oregon field units with staffing and supplying information portals and stations at key locations across the Solar Eclipse Path of Totality. Today's field reports and Oregon Department of Transportation webcams indicate reduced traffic congestion and better fuel availability. However, significant wildfire activity has caused highway and area closures over some of Oregon's mountain passes, with smoke impacting several communities.

Distribution and installation of the newly-designed NO BURN and DROWN-STIR-FEEL flags is well under way. Patrol Units, Fire Crews, and Wilderness and Field Rangers are installing these flags in campfire pits in dispersed and developed campground areas to better support fire restrictions and campfire bans.

All teams are participating in local eclipse planning and safety meetings at their assigned duty stations.

Spanish translations of daily incident briefings and press releases were completed for fires in Oregon and Washington. Radio PSA's are being developed in Spanish for a variety of topics including fire evacuation levels, and wildfire terminology such as Red Flag Warnings and area closures.

Social media messages were generated to support the robust Solar Eclipse-themed fire prevention campaign.

## Northeast Oregon FPET, Team Leader April Phillips and Stacey Grimes, Trainee:

The team participated in meetings with the Malheur National Forest and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, as well as their Eclipse Team and interacted with the Incident Management Team staged at John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Messaging was developed for inclusion in Incident Action Plans, and Information Centers.

#### **Central Oregon FPET, Team Leader Judy Reese:**

Team members contacted local fire and recreation personnel offering support, materials and services related to wildfire evacuations and community meetings for the Milli Fire near Sisters, Or. The team has

been assigned additional Community Resource Ambassadors to provide assistance, as well as employees from the forests and Grassland. Team members began to arrive at assigned locations for the duration of the Eclipse event to support established information booths and welcome stations.

## Northwest Oregon FPET, Team Leader Cindy Frenzel:

Team members are in contact with the Eclipse Coordinator at Oregon State University, attended a Community Meeting in Detroit, Oregon, and are coordinating with agency partners and commercial venues for opportunities to share and post fire prevention materials. The team is assisting with fire closures associated with active and emerging wildfires, and signage in campgrounds, Visitor Centers and areas of high visitation such as the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Alsea Bay Historic Interpretive Center.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Agency: Team Leader Jeff Moyer: The team conducted operational and incident briefings for Warm Springs, conducted an educational program for Headstart, and provided public service announcements to the local radio station.

**Challenges** for all teams have included cell phone and internet connectivity, and interoperability among various systems, such as building and gate access, key cards, etc. Secure lodging for the duration of the eclipse influx is also a dynamic we are navigating.

Daily Reports are being produced and circulated from the Teams to collaborators and interested parties within their assigned area(s) of operation. Due to internet access and functionality as well as team workload and field capacity demands, we anticipate these will be intermittent over the next several days. As they become available, we will compile and post those at the following ftp site link:

ftp.nifc.gov/incident\_specific\_data/pacific\_nw/!SORO/Prevention/!Eclipse\_Specific\_Info/DAILY\_REPORTS/

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