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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 continue to 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 impact to several communities. Reports from the Deschutes National Forest indicate greatly reduced visitation in Bend area's developed recreation sites. Large volumes of visitors traveling to events in recent days are now in place at festival sites. Extreme traffic congestion is anticipated immediately following the Eclipse event on Monday, and as exodus begins from these events.

A 'lack of human-caused fire starts' was reported on today's daily Eclipse Coordination call among the Oregon field units supporting Emergency Operation Centers, Joint Information Centers, etc. Representatives acknowledged the broad scale fire prevention effort visibly in place.

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 are ongoing for fires in Oregon and Washington.

Additional 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 reported increased traffic, and gas siphoning issues in the Vale area. They are in place in three teams of two, to provide staffing and support at numerous community events over the weekend.

Central Oregon FPET, Team Leader Judy Reese:

Team members have joined local agency personnel to expand coverage and capacity. Forest personnel are assisting with local business outreach efforts and posting directional signage for the joint BLM-FS Information Booth in Prineville, Oregon. Information booths and tents in Sisters, Crescent and the Madras Information Center continue to receive staffing and materials from Team members. This area is host to over 90 events, 17 of which will see 1,000 or more participants. The largest single event will include over 40,000 people.

Northwest Oregon FPET, Team Leader Cindy Frenzel:

Team members are now in place at strategic locations providing information and education support to the North Santiam, Mary’s Peak and Quartzville Corridor areas. Expectations are for elevated visitation and associated issues in this area based upon concerns in other areas, such as Central Oregon, with traffic congestion, smoke, wildfire activity and highway closures.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Agency, Team Leader Jeff Moyer: The team provided operational and incident briefings for Warm Springs, conducted an educational program for the Boys and Girls Club, and produced a one-page “Protecting the Fire Origin” briefing for first responders to be included in the Nena Springs and local agency Incident Action Plans.

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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