



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

June 30-July 6, 2015

Message from the Director –

- A weekly message from Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps.

Weather –

Fire weather planning forecast for NE Oregon and SE Washington

NWS Pendleton 9:16 a.m. PDT Mon, June 29

- A low pressure system responsible for scattered thunderstorms last night and early this morning is tracking northeast across Washington and Oregon with drier and more stable conditions behind the system.
- However, red flag warnings remain in effect for our eastern forecast area as scattered thunderstorms are expected this evening over the eastern mountains.
- The Columbia basin will have increasing wind that may cause problems with new and existing fires.
- A dry forecast is in store for the rest of the work week.

Special weather statement

NWS Medford 9:30 a.m. PDT Mon, June 29

- Hot temperatures expected midweek through the holiday weekend with a chance of thunderstorms Independence Day.
- An upper ridge of high pressure is expected to build northwest into Oregon Tuesday and lasting into the holiday weekend.
 - This will likely bring another round of hot temperatures to virtually all interior locations.
 - It's possible records will get broken; especially Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Less than typical relief will occur at night with low temperatures remaining well above normal during the latter half of the week and into the weekend.
- This pattern has the potential to produce an increase in monsoonal moisture and instability the latter part of the week.
 - Thunderstorms possible Thursday afternoon through the Independence day weekend.
- [Cooling center information](#)
- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

Training –

- L0089 National Disaster Recovery Framework Leadership Workshop is being hosted by FEMA Region X in Everett, WA, Aug. 11-14.
 - The workshop is intended for Tribal, State and Local Disaster Recovery leadership. For more information contact: rebecca.bova@fema.dhs.gov
- The Oregon Federal Executive Board, in cooperation with FEMA Region X, and the National Continuity Program, is hosting a 1-day COOP Planners Workshop in Portland on Thursday, July 23.
 - This training is limited to 20 participants, so do not delay in requesting enrollment if you'd like to attend. Enrollment details will be provided via email to those that are accepted.
 - To register: Email your name, agency, position email, and phone information to Pam Anderson at FEMA-R10-COOP@fema.dhs.gov.
- To view all training activities currently scheduled, visit the [OEM Training Calendar](#)

Exercises –

- Planning is continuing on the Cascadia Rising Functional Exercise scheduled for June 2016.
- ECC Operations Drill scheduled for Aug. 13, 2015. The exercise will focus on:
 - ESF-5 – Information and Planning
 - ESF-12 – Energy
 - EFS-13 – Military Support
 - ESF-16 – Law Enforcement

Community Engagement –

- Please encourage registration for the [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
- On July 23, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Department of Human Services (DHS) are holding an event in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act. For more information contact Belinda Sauer belinda.sauer@state.or.us
- The OEM Communication Trailer and preparedness materials will be at this year's Hillsboro Air Show, July 17-19.

E 9-1-1 –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT) and the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS) continue to meet for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- To learn more about the Oregon 911 Frame Relay Replacement Project go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/or911/Oregon-911-Frame-Relay-Replacement-Project.aspx>
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ALI database services was released to ORPIN on June 3, 2015. Questions were received from the vendors and answers returned to the vendors and posted on ORPIN on June 16, 2015 and Proposals are due on or before July 8, 2015. It is anticipated that an issuance of notice of intent to award will occur on August 7, 2015.

In the News –

- ['Abnormally early for a heat wave of this magnitude'](#)
- [Sherman County 20th under state drought emergency](#)
- [Coos County drought declaration based on how rain fell, not how much](#)
- [Bulk of Oregon under drought declarations](#)
- [UPDATE / HEAT WARNING: Take precautions](#)
- [Oregon Selected as Finalist in National Disaster Resilience Competition](#)

Grants –

- Close-out of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for DR-1733 (December 2007 flood disaster) with FEMA is moving toward completion.
- HMGP for DR-1824 (December 2008 Severe Winter Storm) is now in the close-out phase with FEMA.
- FEMA continues to review and obligate funding for HMGP projects from DR- 4169 (February 2014 Severe Winter Storm).
- EMPG: FY14 ends on June 30.
 - Fourth quarter end of year programmatic reports are due by 1700 on July 15 to Kelly Jo Craigmiles.
 - To receive quarterly exercise credit, you must submit your EMERS and/or after action reports to Doug Jimenez by July 15.
- The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs for Federal Fiscal Year were announced by FEMA on May 29 with the opening of the application period.
 - Detailed information can be found on OEM's Home Page. The sub-application deadline to OEM is Aug. 14.
- On June 15, FEMA Region X pre-approved the "updated" Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (with Enhanced status) pending promulgation by the Governor; currently being scheduled for early July.

Planning –

- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials scheduled for July 1 – 11, 2016 in Eugene.
- OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.
- OEM is currently working on ESF updates for the Cascadia Playbook.
- State natural hazard mitigation plans moved from a three-year to five year update cycle by Federal rule change last year.
- The 2015 update will be current into 2020, ensuring the state's eligibility for Stafford Act Assistance and non-disaster mitigation grant programs.

Geologic Hazards –

- On June 25 there was interesting earthquake activity in an area that doesn't see a lot of earthquakes.

- At about 6:30 am, there was a small, deep intraplate earthquake about half way between Portland and the Oregon coast.
- A second smaller earthquake (~2.5+/-) just occurred offshore of Yachats. While it is uncommon to have these types of earthquakes, scientists are continuing to monitor the area.
- This is a great reminder that Oregon is expecting a much larger earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone that could be around a 9.0Mw, to register for the Great Oregon ShakeOut, and to learn more about being prepared for all types of hazards.

Preparedness Tip –

- [Learn about your community's emergency alerts and warnings system.](#)
Consider signing up to receive notification of pending emergencies affecting your community. Sometimes even having just a little advance notice can make a big difference.

Now Hiring –

- Oregon State Service Corps AmeriCorps [Emergency Preparedness Specialist](#) for the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.
- OEM is hiring an Information System Specialist 7 (Network Analyst). Click [here](#) to view posting.
- The City of Eugene is hiring an Emergency Manager. To view announcement, please visit the City of Eugene's employment [page](#).
- Samaritan Health Services is hiring an Emergency Management Program Specialist. To view announcement, please visit Samaritan Health's employment [site](#).
- OEM is looking to fill a Public Private Community Affairs Liaison vacancy. An announcement will be made once this position has posted.

Disaster of the Week –

July 2, 1990: A [stampede caused by pilgrims leaving Mecca](#) kills 1,426, making it the most deadly incidents ever to occur during the Hajj, the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. It is believed the stampede was caused by pilgrims stopping inside of the long, air-conditioned tunnel, to escape 112° temperatures outside. The tunnel was meant to hold 1,000 people, but observers estimated that 5,000 pilgrims crowded into the tunnel. **Lessons learned:** Some safety measures were implemented after the 1990 stampede, including the provision of additional security and crowd control measures. However, in the years that followed, nearly 1,000 more people were [killed in stampedes during pilgrimages](#). Following a stampede in 2006, [engineers recommended changing the shapes of walls](#) around pillars from a circular configuration to ellipses, which improved the flow of crowds and reduced the frequency of incidents like stampedes.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

Nothing to update

Disaster Recovery –

Nothing to update

Emergency Coordination Center –

Activation Level I: Standby, OERS Communication Center 24x7 staffing. No Emergency Support Function (ESF) currently activated.