



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

July 13 - 19, 2015

Message from the Director –

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

Weather –

- No watches/warnings currently in effect.
- Shower activity today and tomorrow for parts of the northern coast and northeastern Oregon. Drying trend beginning again Tuesday night.
- Temp forecast:
 - Today = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, 70's east of the cascades.
 - Tomorrow = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, 70's east of the cascades.
 - Wednesday = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, upper 70's/low 80's east of the cascades.
 - Thursday = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, 80's east of the cascades.
 - Friday = highs in the valley in upper 70's/lower 80's, 60's on the coast, upper 70's/low 80's east of the cascades.
 - Saturday = highs in the valley in lower 80's, 60's on the coast, 80's east of the cascades, 90's in the gorge.
 - Sunday = highs in the valley in lower/upper 80's, 60's on the coast, upper 80's east of the cascades, 90's in the gorge.

You can view the weekly forecast here: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/oregonWeek.php#tabs>.

- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)
- Oregon OEM is supporting “[The Weather-Ready Nation \(WRN\) Ambassador initiative](#)”.
 - An effort to formally recognize NOAA partners improving the nation's readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience for extreme weather, water, and climate events.
- This month, the WRN team has asked Oregon OEM to reach out to stakeholders, to stress the dangers of lightning.
 - As of July 8, 17 people have died from lightning in the United States - ALL were avoidable.
 - This is double the average number of year-to-date over the past five years (2010-2014).
 - There are several possible reasons for this, such as more convective activity across the country; an improved economy resulting in more people taking vacations this summer; the possibility of people taking more risks than usual; and the element of chance.
 - **Most important issue is behavior: People must go indoors when they hear thunder!**

- Resources can be found below, and join the conversation using hashtags: #LightningSafety #SummerSafety
 - Main NWS Lightning Safety Website: <http://www.weather.gov/lightning>
 - Shortened URL: bit.ly/NWSlightning
 - Understanding Lightning: <http://1.usa.gov/1FCBomY>

Training –

- Only 4 seats remaining for the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program training to be held at OEM August 5-6.
 - If interested, complete FEMA Form 119-25-1 and send as an attachment to james.adams@state.or.us .
- For new training opportunities view the [training calendar](#).

Exercises –

- Cascadia Rising Training Seminar #2 – July 15, 1pm-5pm in the State ECC. Focus on:
 - Requesting assistance from the State
 - Situation Reporting
 - Contact Bill Martin to register: bill.martin@oem.state.or.us.
- Cascadia Rising Exercise Mid-term Planning Meeting (MPM) Sept . 6, Location TBD
 - Contact Bill Martin to register: bill.martin@oem.state.or.us.
- ECC Operations drill scheduled for August 13. The exercise will focus on:
 - ESF-5 – Information and Planning
 - ESF-12 – Energy
 - EFS-13 – Military Support
 - ESF-16 – Law Enforcement
- Addictions and Mental Health Services is sponsoring a FEMA Tabletop Exercise - <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/amh/Pages/amh-fema-training.aspx> .

Community Engagement –

- The OEM Communication Trailer and preparedness materials will be at this year's Hillsboro Air Show, July 17-19.
- Red Cross Cascades Region is inviting Oregonians and Southwest Washingtonians to join Aug. 1 for the second annual Camp Prepare!
 - This region-wide coordinated camping event invites people of all ages to experience life using only the contents of their preparedness kits.
 - For more information or to register click [here](#).
- OEM is looking for letters of support from ShakeOut Partners, Organizers, Sponsors, and others for the [Great Oregon ShakeOut!](#)
 - Here are examples of [past letters](#) if you are interested
- [Registration](#) is now open for the 2nd Annual [Race the Wave](#) in Cannon Beach.
 - 5/10k run/walk on tsunami route.
 - Prep fair after with giveaways at emergency supply cache above inundation zone.

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.
- The Frame Relay is used today to deliver Automatic Location Information (ALI) along with the 9-1-1 call to the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
- The Frame Relay architecture is at end-of-life.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network services and ALI database services was released to ORPIN on June 3, 2015.
- The Vendor Proposal due date was extended to July 21, 2015.
- The Frame Relay Replacement Project Executive Sponsor has assembled a seven (7) member RFP evaluation committee.
- The committee will meet on July 24, 2015

In the News –

- [Oregon Plans To Spend Big On Earthquake Preparedness](#)
- [Oregon delegates split as forest management bill passes US House](#)
- [Governor of drought-parched Oregon to order water usage review](#)
- [Wildfires Continue to Ravage Washington State, Pacific Northwest and Beyond](#)
- [Magnitude 4.2 earthquake felt near Springfield, Eugene](#)

Grants –

- 2015 EMPG Update:
 - FEMA Region X has approved Oregon’s FY15 grant application and anticipates awarding our funding by the end of July.
 - Submitted 2015 EMPG work plans have been reviewed and approved.
 - If you have any questions or need assistance with the EMPG program, please contact Kelly Jo Craigmiles (Kelly.jo.craigmiles@state.or.us; 503-378-2911 x22246).
- 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 (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).
- 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 hosting a Cascadia Planning Summit on Aug 7 to share statewide strategies about Cascadia Planning
 - Contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x 22233 or zach.swick@oem.state.or.us for more information

OEM is supporting the special event planning effort for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships scheduled for March 2016 in Portland.

- The 2015 update will be current into 2020, ensuring the state’s eligibility for Stafford Act Assistance and non-disaster mitigation grant programs.
- The Request for Proposals to supply a statewide solution for COOP services was posted to the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) on July 2. RFP number: DASPS-1110-15.
 - It will be open for thirty calendar days, followed by an evaluation period of approximately two weeks.
 - Contact Erik Rau erik.rau@oem.state.or.us with questions.
- The new version of the Cascadia Playbook is here
 - Cascadia Playbooks remain controlled and tracked documents with specific numbers assigned.
 - In order to receive a new Playbook, you will need to turn in the expired Playbook.
 - If you are planning a trip to Salem / OEM, please bring your old Playbook, so we can swap it.
 - To coordinate your “Playbook Swap”, please contact Zach Swick at 503-378-2911 x 22233 or zach.swick@oem.state.or.us.

Wildfires Information –

- <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/> - This page is designed to provide for timely and official fire information about wildland fires across the Pacific Northwest. The information is posted by the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in partnership with Public Information Officers that work for federal, state and local fire agencies and is drawn from official sources within the wildland fire community.
- <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> - This site is an effort by many city, county, tribal, state and federal agencies to coordinate and aggregate information for Oregon communities affected by wildfire smoke. The information is posted here by the agencies themselves while volunteers built and are maintaining the page.
- <http://wildfireoregondeptofforestry.blogspot.com/> - Current information about fires on Oregon Department of Forestry, department-protected lands.
- [Wildfires facts sheet.](#)

Current Fires –

- CS Geneva – 880 acres, 10% contained, located in Jefferson County.
- Corner Creek – 29,407 acres, 80% contained, located in Crook/Grant Counties.
- West Fork – 770 acres, 15% contained, located in Grant County.
- Dennis Creek – 157 acres, 10% contained, located in Union County.
- Sheep Rock – 600 acres, 80% contained, located in Malheur County.

Sources: http://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/fire_info.aspx
<http://inciweb.nwcc.gov/state/38/>

Drought Information –

- For current drought information go to the Water Resources Department [Drought page](#).
- [Drought facts sheet](#).

Geologic Hazards –

- [Map of earthquakes in the last two weeks in Washington, Oregon, and neighboring regions](#).

Preparedness Tip –

- [Know your alerts and warnings](#).
 - Receiving timely information about weather conditions or other emergency events can make all the difference in knowing when to take action to be safe.
 - Local police and fire departments, emergency managers, the National Weather Service (NWS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and private industry are working together to make sure you can receive alerts and warnings quickly through several different technologies no matter where you are—at home, at school, at work, or in the community

Now Hiring –

- OEM is hiring an Oregon State Service Corps AmeriCorps [Emergency Preparedness Specialist](#).
- OEM is in the process of hiring an Information Systems Specialist 7 (Network Analyst).
- OEM is in the process of hiring a Part Time Public Affairs Specialist 3.
- OEM has a Public Private Community Affairs Liaison vacancy. An announcement will be made once this position has posted.
- Samaritan Health Services is hiring an Emergency Management Program Specialist. To view announcement, please visit Samaritan Health's employment [site](#).

Disaster of the Week –

July 18, 64 AD: A [fire begins burning in Rome](#), and would continue to burn for 6 days before being brought under control. The fire destroyed approximately 2/3 of Rome (as it existed at the time) and easily spread through the city, where most buildings were constructed of wood and built close together. It was believed by some that Emperor Nero ordered the fire to be lit in order to decimate the city and allow him to rebuild as he saw fit and was disinterested in the plight of his City during the crisis.

Lessons learned: Although Emperor Nero did rebuild Rome; he ensured that his city would be less susceptible to fires after the rebuilding, by mandating additional space between structures and that fire-resistant brick be used as the primary construction material. No one in a leadership position wants to be seen as "[fiddling while Rome burns](#)", and this disaster certainly illustrates [the importance of leadership during a crisis](#) and the impact of public perception. While there is little evidence Nero played the fiddle during the fire (fiddles or violins had yet to be invented), there is some evidence supporting the notion that Nero helped organize the recovery efforts and used his personal fortune to assist survivors and begin the reconstruction.

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- Physical attacks on high-capacity Internet cables are increasingly common causing widespread service disruptions in CA. Visit [link](#) for more information.

Disaster Recovery –

Nothing to update

Emergency Coordination Center –

- No activities this week, Level I Standby. Staff continues to monitor wildfires.
- OEM is continuing to develop the Oregon Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST).
 - OEM is asking local emergency managers interested in VOST to attend trainings and identify a local volunteer(s) to support Oregon VOST.
 - The next VOST training webinar for those interested in being on the Oregon VOST team is on Jul 29, 2015 at 2:00 PM PDT.
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6744290343236371713>
 - For more information on Oregon VOST contact Cory Grogan; cory.grogan@state.or.us.