LINCOLN COUNTY NOTIFICATION

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Notice: Lincoln County, Complete Burn Ban Notification

Effective Date: Thursday, September 8th at 8:00pm – Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 6:00am

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The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board, and the nine fire protection agencies are announcing the closing of all burning effective Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 8:00pm through Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 6:00am. The National Weather Service has issued a Fire Weather Watch in our area. Fire danger is at an extreme high; lower than normal fuel moisture levels, forecasted hotter/dryer weather, and increased wind compound the danger. Local fire agencies are continuing to assist other areas in Oregon for active fires limiting resources to respond to a wildland fire.

Oregon Department of Forestry, West District, will move Lincoln County to HIGH fire danger on Friday through possibly Sunday. See ODF Regulated Public Use Info Sheet - Regulated Use Restrictions live webpage.

This burn ban is expected to remain in effect until Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 6:00am but may be extended depending on conditions. Firefighting resources are strained throughout the state supporting active fires in our sister counties. Lincoln County has dispatched fire fighters several times this summer in support of those efforts - our most recent dispatch is returning home today. This fire weather event is similar to the 2020 Oregon Labor Day fires. It is not expected to be as severe but is considered just as dangerous. Nonetheless, extreme precautions and safeguards during this time are necessary and of the utmost importance.

Please contact your local fire agency if you have any questions, as burning restrictions may vary based on location and jurisdiction.

See next page for full restrictions information.

Burning Restrictions	- County-wide Complete Burn Ban, effective 09/08/22, 8:00pm through 9/11/22 at 6:00am. Ban applies to:
	  o Wood, charcoal, and other flame sources that ***cannot be turned off with a valve***. Liquid fuel stoves or cooking devices that CAN be turned off with a valve are permitted but cannot be left unattended.
	  o Includes fires on the beaches and day use park areas , commercial, private, and county campgrounds.

Evacuation Levels	Know Your Fire Evacuation Levels:
	  - Level 1 – Be Ready
	  - Level 2 – Be Set
	  - Level 3 – Go Now
	Lincoln County Active Wildfires webpage

Public Safety Power Shut-Off's (PSPS)	A Public Safety Power Shutoff, also called a PSPS, may occur in response to severe fire weather conditions. Utility providers may shut off power to help prevent wildfire situations. Multiple factors are at play when deciding to shut off power to communities – the priority is community safety. There may be some warning or no notice when power is shut off in response to wildfire risk conditions.
	
	More information about PSPS can be found through your power utility provider:
	  - Central Lincoln PUD
	  - Pacific Power
	  - Consumers Power

Air Quality Considerations	Air quality over the next several weeks may be affected by fires here locally and/or away from our area; regionally or another State. Review in advance how you can prepare your home to minimize impact to wildfire smoke to you and your household and when to call 911.

Fire Districts/Departments of Lincoln County and Oregon Department of Forestry:

- Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue
- Depoe Bay Rural Fire Protection Dist.
- Newport Fire Dept. & Rural Fire Protection Dist.
- North Lincoln Fire & Rescue Dist. #1
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection Dist.
- Siletz Valley Rural Fire Protection Dist.
- Toledo Fire Dept. & Rural Fire Protection Dist.
- Yachats Rural Fire Protection Dist.