

# OREGON SOLAR ECLIPSE PREPAREDNESS FOR FIRE SERVICE



## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Oregon will be in the trajectory of a total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017, beginning around 10:15 a.m. This event is expected to draw upwards of one million visitors to the state, with most of the activity occurring along the forecasted path of totality. This influx of people into small cities, rural areas, and along major transportation routes has the potential to create a number of challenges for emergency responders.

- Emergency response may be affected by heavy traffic.
- Weather (dense fog) at the coast may create additional traffic to the valley.
- Local wildfire conditions may impact travel.
- Increased volume of calls.
- Resources may be strained.
- Language barriers with tourists.
- Cell phone service may not be reliable.
- Possible food and fuel shortages.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE?

### Engage your local emergency managers in planning

Work with your local emergency managers to plan for the solar

eclipse and influx of visitors, especially those areas in or near the path of totality or major transportation routes.

### Fire agency preparation

- Communicate with your staff about the event and what to expect.
- Provide appropriate solar eclipse glasses for staff.
- Set up alternate medical treatment locations. Stock medical supplies.
- Be sure your apparatus are full of fuel the weekend prior.

### Work with your private landowners

Educate your landowners on safe practices

- Guests should avoid parking or driving on dry grass.
- Ensure visitors to their property have an adequate water supply and shovels available to extinguish fires.
- Recommend – no campfires, candles, fireworks, tiki torches, or other open flames. Sky lanterns are illegal in Oregon airspace.
- Field burning typically does not occur on the weekends in August. If field burning occurs on August 21, it will not commence until after 1:00 p.m.
- Have first aid stations.

### Hotel & motel safety inspections

Please use this checklist to assist in inspecting hotels and motels: [oregon.gov/osp/sfm/docs/codes/checklists/hotel\\_motel\\_checklist.pdf](http://oregon.gov/osp/sfm/docs/codes/checklists/hotel_motel_checklist.pdf)

### Travel/road conditions

Provide this information to travelers.

- For road conditions, call 511 or visit [tripcheck.com](http://tripcheck.com).
- To report a roadside hazard, call 1-888-275-6368, option 1.

### Recreational vehicle safety

We recommend fire agencies distribute RV brochures to campsites and RV parks in their service area. You can order them here:

[oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/educationmaterialrequest.aspx](http://oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/educationmaterialrequest.aspx)

Additional information can be found on our RV webpage: [oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/rvsafety.aspx](http://oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/rvsafety.aspx)

### Wildfire prevention

For wildfire prevention and fire restriction information please refer to [keeporegongreen.org](http://keeporegongreen.org).

### State mobilization plan – resource deployment

The OSFM Agency Operations Center will be on standby with staff monitoring the situation and available from Wednesday, August 16 to Wednesday, August 23. For questions, please contact Michael Heffner at 503-934-8030 or [michael.heffner@state.or.us](mailto:michael.heffner@state.or.us).

## FOR MORE SAFETY INFORMATION ON THE SOLAR ECLIPSE, VISIT:

[oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/eclipse.aspx](http://oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/eclipse.aspx)



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