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### **JOINT INFORMATION CENTER OPENS IN MEDFORD**

Southwest Oregon is currently experiencing very high fire activity. Multiple wildland fires are burning on more than 138,000 acres of federal and state lands, with the majority of acres burned on Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest lands. The large fires include the Chetco Bar Fire (Brookings), the Miller Fire (Applegate Valley) and the High Cascades Complex (Prospect).

As these fires have generated a great deal of interest from both the public and the media, it is important to all agencies involved that the public has the information they need to keep themselves and their families safe and informed.

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Rob McWhorter emphasized, "It's imperative that we share timely and accurate information, and highlight the tremendous suppression, structure protection and public safety efforts being made on behalf of the communities we serve."

Primary responders to the fires include the Forest Service, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the National Park Service, Coos Forest Protective Association, and the Bureau of Land Management in cooperation with Jackson County and Curry County law enforcement and emergency services, as well as local fire departments and the Oregon National Guard.

To better meet the information needs, the agencies have established a Joint Information Center (JIC) located in Medford to serve as a 'one-stop-shopping' spot to get fire information.

A comprehensive blog has been developed that will provide fire and evacuation maps, fire updates, scheduled public meetings, national and regional fire links, air quality & information and ways the public can help. That information can be accessed at [www.swojic.blogspot.com](http://www.swojic.blogspot.com).

The JIC will produce a daily comprehensive large fire summary which will be posted on the blog. The individual fires will also continue to send out their daily updates. If additional large fires start in southwest Oregon during the 2017 season, those fires will also be included. The JIC can be reached at 541-608-1243 and is staffed from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. daily. We look forward to serving you!

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