



LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DEFENSE BOARD NOTIFICATION

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Notice: Lincoln, Tillamook, and Yamhill County Deploy
to the Brewer Fire - Rowe Creek Complex - West
in Central Oregon.

For Immediate Release:

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Lincoln, Tillamook, & Yamhill County Fire Agencies Deploy to the Brewer Fire – Rowe Creek Complex – West, in Deschutes and Jefferson Counties, in Central Oregon.

Lincoln County, — August 8, 2026 — This morning, the Lincoln County Fire Defense Board fulfilled a resource request from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office by mobilizing **Task Force 62** in support of the Brewer Fire - Rowe Creek Complex – West, in Central Oregon. located approximately 11.5 miles East of Madras, in Crook and Jefferson Counties, in Central Oregon.

Task Force #62 is comprised of units from Lincoln, Tillamook, and Yamhill Counties with the following resources.

Depoe Bay Fire (Lincoln Co.)	HB21	(Type 3 Engine) (3 Firefighters)
Netarts-Oceanside Fire (Tillamook Co.)	E62	(Type 3 Engine) (3 Firefighters)
Dayton Fire (Yamhill Co.)	BR6	(Type 6 Engine) (2 Firefighters)
North Lincoln Fire (Lincoln Co.)	BR16	(Type 6 Engine) (2 Firefighters)
Siletz Valley Fire (Lincoln Co.)	WT52	(Water Tender) (2 Firefighters)
North Lincoln Fire (Lincoln Co.)	C-11	(Task Force Leader) (1 Firefighter)

Personnel from **Central Coast Fire** are assisting by filling positions on various apparatus assigned to Task Force 62. The deployment is being led by **Task Force Leader Chief Cody Heidt of North Lincoln Fire Rescue**.

Task Force 62 departed Lincoln County this morning at **06:30 hours** and is currently en route to the staging area in **Prineville, Oregon**. The task force is expected to arrive at approximately **12:00 hours** and will be assigned to operational duties upon arrival.

The **Brewer Fire – Rowe Creek Complex**, which started on July 15, 2026, is one of several significant wildfires currently burning across Oregon. The complex is estimated at more than **357,895 acres**, with structures threatened and additional resources continuing to support suppression efforts. Firefighters are

expected to encounter challenging conditions, particularly as temperatures increase and dry conditions persist.

Task Force 62 may remain deployed for **up to 14 days**, depending on fire activity, operational needs, and the needs of the incident.

This deployment marks the **sixth request for resources from Lincoln County fire agencies by the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)** during the current period of heightened wildfire activity. The firefighters and apparatus assigned to Task Force 62 join personnel from across Oregon who are working to protect lives, property, communities, and natural resources as the statewide wildfire response continues.

On behalf of the **Lincoln County Fire Defense Board**, I want to recognize and thank the firefighters and partner agencies that continue to answer these requests for assistance. Their willingness to leave their home communities and serve wherever they are needed reflects the dedication and professionalism of our firefighters and the strength of Oregon's mutual aid system.

Even as Lincoln County resources are deployed throughout the state, our local fire agencies remain committed to maintaining emergency response capabilities here at home. At the same time, we ask residents and visitors to help reduce the potential for additional wildfire starts. **Outdoor debris burning remains prohibited throughout Lincoln County**, and everyone should use extreme caution with any activity that could produce a spark or ignite dry vegetation.

During periods of elevated fire danger, even a small spark can have significant consequences. Every preventable wildfire places additional demands on firefighting resources that are already heavily committed across the state. Every wildfire prevented helps protect our communities while allowing available resources to remain focused on the incidents already threatening lives and property.

The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board appreciates the continued support of our communities as our firefighters assist our fellow Oregonians. By remaining vigilant, following current fire restrictions, and taking personal responsibility for wildfire prevention, residents and visitors can make a meaningful difference.

Please keep the communities affected by these fires in your thoughts, particularly those who have been displaced or whose homes and livelihoods are threatened. We also ask you to keep the firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, dispatchers, incident management teams, and support personnel who continue working long hours under difficult conditions in your thoughts as they work to protect communities across Oregon.

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