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SUBJ: Wildfire Awareness Month Events

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with an update on the events and activities being planned by Disaster Management and Public and Government Affairs for Wildfire Awareness Month, as well as helping to prepare community members for the upcoming wildfire season.

May is Wildfire Awareness Month.

Disaster Management along with Public and Government Affairs have prepared a series of community events and a 31-day wildfire preparedness social media challenge to help county residents prepare for a wildfire that can affect their community.

The first task in the 31-day challenge, is to sign up to attend a community wildfire preparedness event that will be held throughout the county and even virtually. These events will help residents prepare and give an opportunity for community members to ask the experts the questions about the best way to protect themselves from a wildfire.

The events will be in six locations throughout the county in the communities of Beaver Creek, Eagle Creek, Colton, Hoodland, and Estacada, as well as two in Canby, one of which will be in Spanish. The events will include information on community planning, defensible space, evacuation readiness, public alerts, power outages, wildfire smoke, and other community support resources. Representatives will be present from multiple county departments, fire districts, Portland General Electric, and our community response partners.

We will kick off the event later this week, by posting sign-up information for the community events on social media and inviting the press to meet with representatives from the local fire district, Sheriff's Office and Disaster Management to discuss wildfire preparedness on Monday, May 2.