

Rainbow Gathering Update

Tuesday, June 27, 2017



Law Enforcement Update

The Rainbow Gathering is an unauthorized, unsanctioned event. The Forest Service will fulfill its responsibility for resource protection and compliance with the law. Enforcement action will be taken for violations.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has established a mobile court with a judge and prosecutor near the Rainbow Gathering site. The temporary court will be on location today and Friday to process citations issued during the event.

Malheur National Forest Update

The Malheur National Forest is focused on ensuring our routine program of work continues without disruption. We are currently working with permittees to understand the loss of forage due to trampling that is occurring onsite and to change our grazing plan to offset this loss. Once the event has concluded, we will be able to determine the extent of loss. Forest timber projects and restoration efforts are continuing as normal.

After a severe thunderstorm passed over the area on Monday afternoon, Malheur National Forest fire crews responded to seven confirmed lightning start fires on the Forest. Quick response and initial attack efforts allowed crews to get all fires contained at around 1/10th of an acre. Crews will continue to staff the incidents and continue with mop up efforts, as well as respond to new reports of smoke. Crews continue to staff and monitor three prescribed fires on the Forest. No further ignitions will take place on the prescribed fires, all active burning is taking place well within the established perimeters. Oregon Department of Forestry crews, also dispatched out of the John Day Interagency Dispatch Center, responded to several reports as well. ODF crews staffed and contained two fires on state protected lands. For the latest fire updates, visit www.fs.usda.gov/main/malheur/fire

Community Meeting

The Forest Service will host a community meeting in Burns tonight at the Harney County Senior Center (17 S Alder Avenue) from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. The meeting will focus on sharing information with local community members.

Quick Facts Incident Summary

Attendees: 2,670

Warning Notices Issued: 192

Violation Notices Issued: 47

Arrests Made: 8

Location: Flag tail Meadow off of Forest Road

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