

**July 3:**

Freedom/Pre-dom/anti rides? Are they too big? Fun? Useful? Or should they go? What are the impacts of all on Bend in respect to traffic, noise and waste?

**July 11:**

Happy Hour in the Garden tonite at the Environmental Center in downtown Bend from 4-6pm. Every Tuesday night for a chance to volunteer. [Envirocenter.org](http://Envirocenter.org)

**July 19:**

What will the impacts be of thousands and thousands of people coming to Central Oregon for the eclipse. Emergency and First Responders holding a meeting in Redmond Monday night at 6:30 at Highland Baptist Church to help answer your questions and help you prepare. Free.

**July 21:**

One month until the eclipse. Areas / towns / municipalities planning for the unplanned and worse case scenarios.

**Aug.1:**

Drivers who park on side of highway to watch eclipse may face fines or facing towing. Emergency responders also concerned about access and/or more fires as a result.

**Aug. 2:**

Vandals hit Pilot Butte with graffiti. If you'd like to volunteer to help clean it up, email [park.info@state.or.us](mailto:park.info@state.or.us) or call 800.551.6949

**Aug. 14:**

With the eclipse exactly 1 week out, authorities are urging locals to get stocked up on supplies before people show up in potentially in unprecedented numbers. That includes food, gas, water, medicines, etc.

**Aug 18:**

Oregon Dept of Forestry concerned about potentially more wildfires with all the visitors headed here for the eclipse. The agency has already prepositioned firefighters and equipment throughout the path of totality for prevention.

**Aug 22:**

Eclipse is over. If you looked at it without protective eyewear and fear you may have damage, please go get your eyes checked.

**Aug 23:**

Milli Fire west of Sisters now at 11,000 acres and 23 percent contained. Sisters schools delayed and air quality concerns abound. The Red Cross continues to offer shelter for evacuees.

**Aug 24:**

Oregon residents expected to get a kicker refund when filing taxes next year. Most likely between \$250-\$300.

**Aug 24:**

Milli Fire evacuees in Sisters allowed to return to their homes, but smoke and air quality in the region still a major concern.

**Aug 30:**

Wildfire on Santiam Pass closed it for several hours. One lane now open with pilot car. Expect delays.

**Sep 5:**

Eagle Creek Fire in Gorge hit almost 5000 acres over the weekend. Investigators have determined it was human caused by teens with fireworks.

**Sep 7:**

Sisters Folk Festival decided to cancel this year for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 22 years due to smoke and air quality.

**Sep 8:**

Give.org set up by BBB to help people who want to donate to those in need weed out the scammers.

**Sep 8:**

Equifax was hacked! 143 million Americans' info was compromised. Info obtained includes names, SS numbers, birth dates, addresses and DL numbers. Go to [equifaxsecurity2017.com](http://equifaxsecurity2017.com) and check.

**Sep 11:**

Equifax would agree to credit monitoring but you have to agree not to join a class action lawsuit.

**Sep 26:**

Oregon's new distracted driving law goes into effect Oct.1. Covers all electronic devices... cell phones, mp3 players and on board GPS. Fines higher at \$435. If caught 3 times in 10 years, \$2500 fine and 6 months in jail!

**Sep 27:**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Drive Less Challenge continues through Saturday. It encourages commuters to find other options... walk, bike, bus carpool, tele-communte, etc.