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State Fire Marshal mobilizes task forces and resources to help fight Wrentham Market Fire

SALEM, Ore. – Governor Kate Brown invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act in response to the Wrentham Market Fire that broke out in Wasco County Tuesday evening. The fire is located outside Dufur, Oregon. The fire is estimated to be 10,000 acres in size and is located outside Dufur, the Wasco County Sheriff's Office has put in place Level 3, Go Now, evacuation notices. The Office of State Fire Marshal's Red Incident Management Team assumed command at 9 am Wednesday, June 30th, 2021, and will work to bring additional resources from counties around Oregon to assist in the response.

The three task forces, totaling 41 people, 12 engines, 3 water tenders, 3 command vehicles, and 2 support units from Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill Counties, arrived Wednesday morning for a briefing and assignments. Starting on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after the fire was reported, OSFM staff was on the ground supporting local initial attack efforts. In addition, they worked with agency partners on aggressive air attack. The addition of the three task forces and incident management team will help bolster capacity in fighting the Wrentham Market Fire.

The declaration made by Gov. Brown cleared the way for the State Fire Marshal to mobilize firefighters and equipment to assist local resources battling the fire.

OSFM personnel has responded with a Communications Unit and a cache trailer loaded with incident support supplies, including COVID-19 PPE, tools to enhance defensible space around structures, and other provisions firefighters need in a fire camp.

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