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Corbett Fire Department Will Have “Round the Clock” Fire Patrols This Weekend

Corbett Fire Department Corbett, Oregon Sept. 8, 2022

Because of the high fire danger this weekend, the Corbett Fire Department will have fire patrols for twenty four hours a day while the fire danger is high. Often time’s wildland fires start at night and in remote areas, so the department will use its smaller 4x4 brush rigs to patrol.

By having fire patrols in the field it will allow the department to spot obvious hazards and start a faster response. Additionally, it will allow the department to be proactive and remove hazards before they become a problem, such as removing a tree that has fallen across the road.

The patrols will also permit the fire department to handle several calls that take place simultaneously. In the September 2020 fire, the 30 member all volunteer department had to handle seventeen calls in a three hour time frame.

The patrols are available because the department received a $35,000 grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office. Since the department is staffed by volunteers, the grant will allow the volunteers to be compensated for their time while patrolling.

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