



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Subject: Law Enforcement and National Guard support for Evacuation Preparations.

Due to conditions presented by the wildfires affecting the Warm Springs Indian Reservation (WIR), a precautionary evacuation order 2 (which means for people to be prepared to move out at a moment's notice) has been issued for the Sidwalter/Miller Flat area.

In order to provide protection to the property of those persons electing to go to the evacuation center established at the old school gym at the Warm Springs Agency area now, or if we move to a Evac 1 situation, the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department (WSTPD) is increasing patrols in the affected areas, in addition to increasing patrols on the major roadways due to heavy smoke.

The Oregon Army National Guard (ORARNG) will be assisting the WSTPD in the protection of these communities, this through the manning of traffic control points (TCP) in order to ensure that only residents and authorized personnel have access to these areas.

The support of the ORARNG is very much appreciated, and extremely important as it releases WSTPD units to continue to contact people within the community, make needed preparations should an evacuation be required, and respond to routine law enforcement calls for service.

Updates to our status are provided on the WSTPD Facebook page. However, for particulars concerning WSTPD patrol operations in regard to this event please contact WSTPD Lt Ron Gregory at 541-460-2271, or a statement and/or information regarding the ORARNG response to this event please contact Major Stephen Bomar, Director, Public Affairs, Oregon Military Department at 503-990-9508.

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