



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Department: Board of Commissioners Agenda Planning Date: 9.1.21 Time required: 10

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TITLE 2020 Labor Day Wildfires One Year Anniversary

Issue, Description & Background One year ago, the Beachie Creek and Lionshead fire burned around 200,000 acres in the Santiam Canyon. The formal proclamation acknowledges the devastation caused by the fires and the on going restoration efforts.

Financial Impacts: None.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies None.

Options for Consideration: Commissioners present and sign the proclamation of 2020 Labor Day Wildfires One Year Anniversary.

Recommendation: Commissioners present and sign the proclamation of 2020 Labor Day Wildfires One Year Anniversary.

List of attachments: Copy of proclamation

Presenter:

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on September 8, 2021.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on the night of September 7, 2020, winds in the Santiam Canyon reached over 70 miles per hour, causing the Beachie Creek and the Lionshead fires to merge, burning 193,556 acres in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of September 8, 2020, deputies, firefighters, volunteers, neighbors, and farmers, put their lives in danger to ensure residents were evacuated as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, nonprofits, churches, and government agencies, all responded to the urgent needs of wildfire victims and first responders by providing food, water, shelter, and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, Marion County declared a State of Emergency, the governor invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act, and on September 15, 2020, the United States President approved a disaster declaration for Oregon, providing federal resources, programs, and funding for wildfire victims; and

WHEREAS, many of the wildfire victims are still in the beginning stages of rebuilding and healing from this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, to date, Santiam Canyon businesses have reopened, over 200 homeowners are prepared to rebuild or repair their properties, over 300 residential properties are cleared of debris, and over 13,000 hazardous trees have been removed from the area; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is committed to the ongoing rebuilding efforts in Detroit, Gates, Idanha, Lyons, Mehama, Mill City, North Fork, and the Santiam Canyon; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Marion County Board of Commissioners recognizes that September 8th is the one-year anniversary of the 2020 Labor Day wildfires.

DATED at Salem, Oregon this 8th day of September, 2021.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson



Commissioner



Commissioner


