



Visitors cautioned to postpone trips to Tillamook County until fire danger is over
Emergency services are stretched thin, focused on firefighting and community safety

September 8, 2020. Tillamook County, Oregon. With wind-driven fires, forests closed, skies filled with smoke, and areas under evacuation, the Tillamook Coast Visitors Association (TCVA) asks for the public's help by postponing trips to Tillamook County until fires are fully contained.

"Our emergency services teams are all focused on fire containment and getting people to safety," said Nan Devlin, executive director of TCVA. "We're conserving water, and helping those who had to evacuate their homes and stay in emergency shelters. This week, we don't have the services to protect vacationers, too."

Areas near Bay City and Idaville in central Tillamook County, as well as neighboring northern Lincoln County, have been evacuated. Animals are under threat, and the community has come together with trailers and trucks to move them to safer ground.

September is a popular month to visit the beach, but the combination of high heat and strong winds makes it a very dangerous time to be here.

"All forests are closed, Highway 18 near Highway 101 is closed, and several businesses have shut down in order to help support our hard-working emergency services personnel."

Weather is expected to change by Monday. "We are hoping for some much-needed coastal rain to help dampen fires and clear the air," said Devlin. "If you can delay your visit by a few days, it will be much appreciated."

To stay up on latest news on fire and safety conditions, follow the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tillamookcountysheriff>

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