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Commissioners Offering Free Disposal of Fire Related Wood Waste to Residents Affected by Local Wildfires

(Douglas County, OR.) Starting today, Friday, September 25, 2020, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, as a part of their ongoing recovery efforts for the victims of the devastating wildfires up the North Umpqua Highway, have set up a special program for disposal of fire related wood waste material at the Glide Transfer Station. There is no cost for this disposal and the program is only available for residents of Glide and Idleyld Park who were directly affected by the wildfires.

There will be a sign at the transfer station directing traffic to a canopy tent, where an attendant will check residents in, record information and direct them to a designated area to dump the fire related wood waste. The Glide Transfer Station is located at 13921 Glide Transfer Road in Glide. It is open Wednesday to Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

At this time, we are only accepting fire related wood waste that is clearly burnt or charred from the fires. Please make sure it is clean and not mixed with any other debris (i.e. no metal, concrete, mixed media, paper, drywall, plastic or household refuse (trash)). The fire damage wood debris fee waiver is only available at the Glide Transfer Station, and again is only available for residents of Glide and Idleyld Park who were directly affected by the wildfires.

The three local wildfires (French Creek, Archie Creek and Thielsen) ignited shortly after the Labor Day holiday along the North Umpqua Highway East of Glide. Even with the remarkable fire suppression efforts of numerous responding fire agencies, contractors and volunteers, the high winds, steep terrain and dry conditions quickly fueled the fire and it spread through the area causing a tremendous amount of devastation to the Glide and Idleyld communities and homes along the river. Fire Officials and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office reported that 109 homes were lost in the fires, but that, thankfully, there were no fire related fatalities and no one has been reported missing from the fires. As of today, only one of the fires is contained, while the other two are still actively burning.

For more information, please contact the Douglas County Solid Waste Department at (541) 440-4483. There is a tremendous amount of work that needs to be accomplished in order to help our residents move to the next phase of wildfire recovery. We would like to thank all the residents, volunteers, business and organizations that have stepped up to and continue to help and support the residents and the Glide Community, as they move forward to rebuild, replant and revitalize after the wildfires. We would also like to take a moment to thank all the county, utility, emergency and community crews for all their hard work and continued efforts to help their fellow Douglas County residents.

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