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**CITY OF NEWPORT ANNOUNCES  
CERTAIN CITY PROPERTIES CLOSED TO PUBLIC USE  
DUE TO EXTREME FIRE DANGER  
EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

The Oregon Department of Forestry has placed our region in Extreme Fire Danger beginning Friday, September 9, 2022. The City of Newport enacted Municipal Code provisions that prohibit the public from accessing certain high-risk city properties during Extreme Fire Danger events. These properties include:

- Agate Beach Closure area east of the transfer station
- Schooner Creek Drainage
- Little Creek Drainage
- Big Creek Drainage
- Big Creek Reservoir
- Forest Park

This closure means the public is not allowed in these areas unless they have a lease or their main means of access to their property passes through the area.

This closure will remain in effect until the Oregon Department of Forestry reduces the fire danger level. The city will issue a press release announcing the change when that occurs.

The public should be aware that smoke is expected this weekend, particularly Saturday, from wildfires in other areas of the state.

Questions should be directed to Rob Murphy, Fire Chief, at 541.265.9461.

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