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WILDER TWIN PARK AND TRAIL CLOSURE

The Newport Parks and Recreation Department announces the closure of Wilder Twin Park and Trail starting November 4, 2021 for pile burning to reduce wildfire fuel hazards. The reopening of the park and trail will be November 6, 2021.

The closure and pile burning is part of a larger wildfire fuel reduction program in the area that began in Spring 2021. The project and burning is being managed by a forestry and habitat restoration firm with oversight by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). ODF has approved the burning project based on the upcoming weather conditions.

Reducing the vegetative fuel load is a critical part of mitigating wildfire danger. This project's work was focused on removing low-lying vegetation that can carry fire to taller tree canopies from forest floors close to local residences and help create a more fire-resistant habitat. Once a burn pile is underway, local residents can expect to see and smell smoke from mid-morning until mid-afternoon.

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