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What we can do for the unsheltered?

2020 Fire Season

Wildfires on the US west coast
- Active fires 11-13 September

WASHINGTON

Portland

Eugene   OREGON

CALIFORNIA

200km
200 miles

Source: Nasa FIRMS, VIIRS data for 11-13 September

Last summer we saw the one of the most devastating fire seasons in American history.

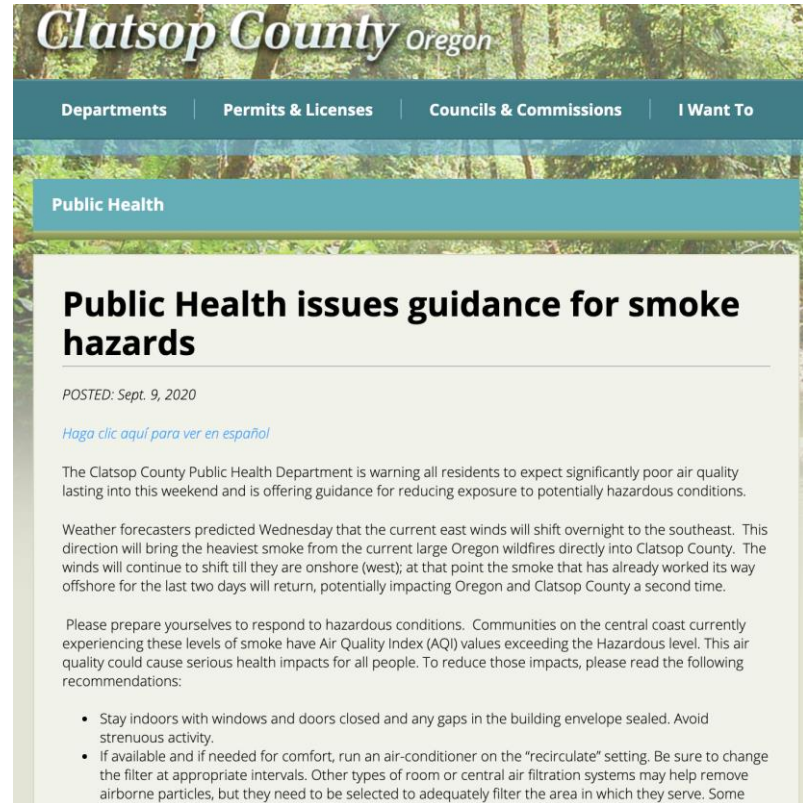More than 10 million acres burned, 37 people were killed, and approximately $19.8 billion of damage occurred.

Smoke in Clatsop County

Though we were thankfully spared from the flames, air quality in our town was at an all time low

County Recommendations

Public Health Departments across the state issued stay-indoors-notices. However, for many people who are unsheltered, staying indoors is not an option

Further Inequities

Some people are more at risk

It's especially important for you to pay attention to local air quality reports during a fire if you are

- **a person with heart or lung disease,** such as heart failure, angina, ischemic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema or asthma.

- **an older adult**, which makes you more likely to have heart or lung disease than younger people.

- **caring for children, including teenagers,** because their respiratory systems are still developing, they breathe more air (and air pollution) per pound of body weight than adults, they're more likely to be active outdoors, and they're more likely to have asthma.

- **a person with diabetes,** because you are more likely to have underlying cardiovascular disease.

- **a pregnant woman,** because there could be potential health effects for both you and the developing fetus.

To add to the inequities, people with preexisting conditions are often more affected by the effects of smoke inhalation.

A lot of these conditions are commonly faced by unhoused people.

A Possible Solution

As a result, some cities resorted to finding shelter spaces for unhoused people last year.

Clatsop County was unfortunately not one of them.

Lane County Health & Human Services

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A temporary daytime shelter has been established at the Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds) 796 W 13th Ave.

They plan to be open 8:00am-8:00pm September 9, 2020.

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whitebirdclinic Wildfires surrounding the Eugene-Springfield area have made atmospheric conditions officially HAZARDOUS , meaning everyone should stay indoors as much as possible.

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Our Mission

Come up with an action plan as to what we can do to help unhoused people in the time of wildfires.

- Where can people go?
- What barriers do we face?
- How do we overcome these barriers?