



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Solar Eclipse DATE: August 21, 2017

Background

The 2017 eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 38 years. A partial eclipse can be seen anywhere in the United States; however, the path of totality (where the moon will block view of the sun completely) stretches across Oregon and will attract viewers from around the globe due to typically optimal conditions for viewing in August (e.g. dry weather, clear skies, limited light pollution).

Location

- The 60-mile wide eclipse path of totality will impact a 337.8 mile distance across the state of Oregon, and continue eastward along a path across the United States.
- The path of totality will cross the following counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Lincoln, Linn, Jefferson, Malheur, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Wheeler, and Yamhill.
- The entirety of the eclipse is expected to last from 9:00AM until 11:30AM PDT.

Potential Impacts

- Estimates for the number of visitors are forthcoming but locations along the path of totality may experience sudden mass gatherings associated with the event – some in remote areas.
- Increases in traffic, and a strain on public safety services may occur.

Oregon OEM Involvement

Oregon OEM is in the process of coordinating the planning phase for the State and will provide planning assistance to local jurisdictions as requested. State partners thus far include ODOT, OPRD, OHA, OMD, Travel Oregon, and the Governor's Office.

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Path of Totality in Oregon

