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COURTNEY RELEASES VIDEO ASKING PUBLIC TO ‘HELP, SUPPORT AND PREVENT’ IN RESPONSE TO WILDFIRES

(SALEM) – Senate President Peter Courtney is calling on Oregonians to do their part to “help, support and prevent” in reaction to wildfire activity in the state.

Monday afternoon, Courtney released a public service announcement via the internet, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Forestry.

“Oregon is on fire. We have lost 300,000 acres of forest and rangeland. Communities are suffering. At least 49 homes are gone. Jobs are threatened. Smoke is everywhere,” Courtney said. “We must all help, support and prevent.”

As of 9 a.m. Monday three major fires and numerous smaller fires were burning in the state. More than 3,000 fire personnel are on the fire lines and the governor has activated 375 National Guard soldiers to assist in the efforts.

The four minute [video](#) can be viewed on YouTube.