

Linn County bans parks campfires due to dry weather, high fire danger

ALBANY — Due to high fire danger, public safety concerns and limited firefighting resources across the Western United States, effective Friday, July 23, campfires are prohibited in all parks or recreation facilities operated by the Linn County Parks & Recreation Department.

That includes Cascadia State Park as well as several U.S. Forest Service campgrounds along the South Santiam River east of Sweet Home.

The campfire ban will continue until further notice.

This ban includes designated campfire areas, barbe-

que grills, charcoal fires, cooking fires, warming fires, charcoal briquettes, pellet grills, candles, tiki torches and other devices that emit flames or embers.

Portable cooking stoves, propane lanterns, barbeque and fire-rings using liquefied or bottle fuels are allowed.

This ban covers all Linn County managed parks and recreation facilities and includes prohibitions on fires in designated fire rings. The public can also anticipate restrictions in other areas based on fire dangers.