



ARE YOU READY?

CITY OF SWEET HOME

### What's All the Fuss About?

During the August 21, 2017
Total Solar Eclipse, the Moon's umbral shadow will fly across the United States, from Oregon to South Carolina, in a little over 90 minutes. The path of this shadow, the **Path of Totality**, is where observers will see the Moon completely cover the Sun for about two and a half minutes.

The eclipse will arc across
Oregon all the way to the
southeastern coast of South
Carolina, and beyond. Oregon
Museum of Science & Industry
estimates that this first total
solar eclipse in 38 years to
cross the continental United
States will attract millions of
spectators.

While exact numbers (and even solid estimates) are very difficult to obtain, emergency

managers are planning for an influx of about one million visitors into Oregon for several days on either side of the eclipse. Since August is already prime vacation season in many areas of the state, expect nearly everything to be above capacity for about a week total.

This may be a great opportunity to showcase our community! Local businesses are encouraged to open your doors and make their restrooms available.

Download an ECLIPSE FRIENDLY WINDOW SIGN for your business at http://www.ci.sweethome.or.us/ced/page/2017total-solar-eclipse-august-21-2017



Be Prepared - View Safely

https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-who-what-where-when-and-how



#### Where Can You See It?

A map of the United States showing the path of totality for the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse.

## Be Prepared

# Suggestions for RESIDENTS and VISITORS:

- Be prepared for crowds, lines and traffic. Be patient. Have books, games, etc., to keep busy; Take the time in long lines to get to know Oregonians and other visitors via lively conversation. It's a good time to learn about Oregon and other areas from which guests are visiting, and to make friends from around the state/country/world.
- Have snacks, water and first-aid supplies on hand in case crowds/lines/traffic become paramount.
- Become aware of the beauty, splendor and hazards that are all part of Oregon.
   Know what to do and where to go in the event of severe heat,



wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

- Have an emergency kit and an emergency plan; make sure family members or friends back home know your schedule, when you are expected to return and your plan if something happens.
- AVOID DOWNTOWN.

  Enjoy the event from the comfort of your own home if possible.

#### **NEED MORE PREP INFO?**

OREGON STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: HTTP://WWW.OREGON.GOV/OEM/ HAZARDSPREP/PAGES/2017-TOTAL-SOLAR-ECLIPSE.ASPX

CITY SITE W/ MORE LINKS: HTTP://WWW.CI.SWEET-HOME.OR.US/CED/PAGE/2017-TOTAL-SOLAR-ECLIPSE-AUGUST-21-2017

### WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN FOR SWEET HOME?



There is significant potential for massive traffic heading east on Highway 20 to get a better view, particularly the morning of the eclipse event (August 21). The City is attempting to prepare for traffic backups from disabled vehicles or accidents on the pass *potentially* causing Main Street to become a parking lot.

Should this traffic jam last for any length of time, Sweet Home could have hundreds of people stuck in vehicles on Main Street looking for water, food and restrooms.

The City will be placing connections on fire hydrants that would allow people to get water from them and we will attempt to identify restrooms available througout town. SHEM will be preparing "To Go," bags for those who may be stranded in town.

Local businesses should be prepared for people to be wandering in looking for restrooms. THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO SHOWCASE YOUR STORE!!! Greet them and have special deals ready for them!