



On average, around 500 forest fires are started in Oregon each year, burning around 20,000 acres. Some are caused by lightning strikes, and some are started by humans.

CCD would like to remind motor carriers of the following information, when responding to a fire:

Unless specifically exempted by an emergency declaration, size and weight requirements are **NOT** waived. The load being hauled must be of legal dimensions, or operating under the provisions and requirements of the over-dimension permit issued to the truck. For more information about size and weight permitting in Oregon, contact the Over-Dimension Permit Unit at 503-373-0000.

Vehicles cannot exceed posted size or weight limits, unless specifically authorized on a permit issued by the appropriate road authority.

Registration and tax credentials **are required**, unless otherwise exempt by rule or statute. For more information about these requirements, contact the Registration Entry Unit at 503-378-6699.

Use [TripCheck](#) to check for road closure information related to fires. Road conditions can be obtained by phone as well. In Oregon, call 511 or 800-977-6368. Outside Oregon, call 503-588-2941.

Vehicles responding to fire emergencies are required to enter open scale facilities when a sign posted before the scale reads "All Trucks Over 20,000# GVWR Next Right" or with a GVWR of 10,000# or greater without this posted sign unless they are operating with red warning lights and/or siren.

If stopped, be sure to let any enforcement personnel (for example, staff at a scale, or the Oregon State Police) know that you are responding to a fire. The vehicle may be allowed to proceed and obtain required permits and/or credentials as soon as possible afterwards.

Check the Oregon Governor's [website](#) for specific information about emergency declarations.

