

Oregon fire history

- 1848** — Nestucca fire along the coast burned 300,000 acres. First Oregon fire in historical records.
- 1849** — Fire burned 800,000 acres between the Siuslaw and Siletz rivers.
- 1853** — Yaquina fire near Corvallis covered 480,000 acres.
- 1868** — Coos Bay fire burned about 300,000 acres.
- 1902** — Huge forest fires ravaged Oregon. Columbia fire near Mt. Hood covered 170,000 acres.
- 1918** — More than one billion board feet of timber was destroyed by fires.
- 1933** — The first Tillamook Burn was caused by logging. The fire burned 250,000 acres of forest land and 12 billion board feet of the finest virgin timber in Oregon. The fire burned in parts of Washington, Tillamook and Yamhill counties. One firefighter was killed. The fire began Aug. 14.
- 1939** — A second Tillamook fire spread among 189,000 acres of the old burn and burned 28,000 new acres of prime green timber.
- 1945** — The six-year jinx of the Tillamook Burn continued when a third fire reburned 173,000 acres.
- 1951** — The Sardine Creek fire burned 21,400 acres in Linn and Marion counties. Caused by a careless cigarette smoker, the fire burned off and on from Aug. 21 to Sept. 24.
- 1951** — The Vincent Creek fire in western Lane County burned approximately 30,000 acres. It was caused by a logging operation.
- 1961** — Severe fire season in eastern Oregon made possible the Cayuse Fire in Umatilla County and the Ditch Creek Fire in Grant County. Each burned more than 25,000 acres.
- 1966** — Oxbow Fire in Lane County burned 42,870 acres. The fire was caused by a road roller's faulty spark arrester. The party responsible for the fire's start repaid the \$560,000 it cost to fight the fire. The fire began Aug. 20.