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Tsunami evacuation maps for Florence and Dunes City areas released

Attend the May 14 rally for free maps and to learn how to protect your family

Portland, Oregon: The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has released tsunami evacuation brochures for the communities of Florence and Dunes City in coastal Lane County.

The maps show modeled tsunami evacuation zones for both local-source (Cascadia Subduction Zone) and distant-source (such as from Alaska) tsunami scenarios. The maps also show evacuation routes and assembly areas.







Florence and Dunes City tsunami evacuation brochures and maps. Evacuate from yellow and orange areas to green area.

The evacuation brochures are available free for download from the http://www.OregonGeology.org and http://www.OregonTsunami.org websites.

Upcoming Tsunami Readiness Rally in Florence, Oregon, Tuesday, May 14, 2013:

This event is free and open to the public.

- Get your new, free evacuation map
- Learn from Japan's devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami
- Prepare for a tsunami in Oregon now
- Talk with local readiness groups like CERT, American Red Cross, and more

Where:

Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence

6:30 pm - Doors open, information tables

7:00 pm - Presentation by Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Questions and answers, information tables

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Residents can volunteer for the *TsunamiSmart Neighbor* program, which involves teams conducting door-to-door outreach to distribute the new maps and inform the community how to prepare for and safely escape from tsunamis.

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The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State and has a broad responsibility in developing an understanding of the state's geologic resources and natural hazards. The Department then makes this information available to communities and individuals to help inform and reduce the risks from natural hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department assists in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards is key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

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