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Eclipse update- The Great August Campout --- “Be Prepared” ☺

Yup, old Boy Scout.... There are 1 million people expected in Oregon for the Great American Eclipse according to recent articles in the Oregonian. I don't know if that includes those in Oregon also planning to travel to a location of totality, so that number could be far short of the actual numbers on the road. The state is preparing and plans to have extra gas along the routes. All 18-wheelers are off the roads Sunday – Tuesday and the police will be watching for safety breaches and not much else.

So a little math- assuming a 3 lane expressway, four people per vehicle, at 60 mph, that's **10.5 hours** to move 1 million people—one way! There's also 2 lanes of freeway headed south, Hwy 26 (2 lanes, 1 each way) going east/west and Hwy 97 North/South, also 1 lane each way... Redoing the math with 2 people per vehicle, 20ft per car and 20 mph, that's 94 “lane hours” so maybe only **12 hours** if all routes are fully used with no accidents and if no one runs out of gas... that also assumes we don't need to add 500,000 Oregonians to the number. Again, that's each way so 12 hours in and 12 hours out... or maybe 20 hours each way if the normal I-5 craziness is in play. Of course not everyone will be traveling that morning, but that may not matter, nor is it really the point..

I'm not saying don't come, but please think and plan ahead. That “day” trip to the Capital in Salem or baseball stadium may look good, but how are you going to get there and get out without your Jet Ranger? So please, if venturing to the eclipse path of totality:

- 1) Pack a couple of days' worth of food- Cooler with sandwiches an extra loaf of bread and PBJ... and water!!! **Bring extra water to share... it will be needed.**
- 2) Expect to camp, even if along the roadside. I hope not, but frankly I see little way around it at least in some cases.
- 3) Travel early, Saturday if you can, Sunday otherwise. Travel home late, Tuesday (several big Festivals get out Wed. BTW) and check the radio before you leave. Radio... ya, cell service may be a problem thought text messaging should work with some delay.
- 4) Top off your gas tank where and when you can...
- 5) Bring a good attitude and a sense of humor. Maybe throw in a guitar or a “BoomBox” (if you still have one in the closet ;-)). You may have a chance to start an impromptu party and make some new friends.
- 6) Oh, there's also a concern we'll have a shortage of Port-a-potties, so pack that port-a-lu, plastic bags and TP... what can I say... better to have and not need... right?

Get the idea- <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2017/04/11/solar-eclipse-oregon-state-parks-camping-campsite-campground/100350086/>

Some possible options:

- http://www.oregonlive.com/travel/index.ssf/2017/03/17_places_to_watch_the_2017_so.html
- <https://omsi.edu/eclipse-2017>
- <http://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=v.page&id=60>
- Hit up friends for a place to stay if you know anyone along the path if that's an option.
- Don't forget Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming. They are expected to be crowded too, but might be better.

BTW, I don't sell these...

