

CENTRAL OREGON AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

JUNE 2026

EXERCISE SPECIFICS:

- Time Commitment – Less than 1 hour
- Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Date: June 26, 2026
- Location of MICU – Davis Lake Area (at Odell Creek) – Deschutes National Forest
- Location of operators: Net Controllers – COARECT and HIDARG will operate from the MICU. Additional VARA operator will be at K7PIL's residence. All other operators may operate from home or any location they feel will allow their full participation in the exercise.

PURPOSE:

To simulate an incident requiring emergency backup communications. Test and evaluate the use of the MICU setup at a remote location without being dependent on normal infrastructure support, with the exception of local repeaters, operating as a central collection point for information gathering. The exercise will also test the coordination and handling of traffic between multiple agencies. The operation will test all components of an actual mobilization including team member notification, activation, transfer of specific information, and demobilization.

The exercise will include the following:

- Notification and activation of team members Push Over Application (If available)
- Movement of MICU to Davis Lake area (43.575041 – 121.881288).
- Set up of two amateur radio stations, one to operate on Mt. Bachelor repeater (145.450) and one to operate on Walker Mt. repeater (145.470). At the end of the exercise one radio will be set up to operate VARA via the Walker Mt. repeater.
- Set up a VARA station at K7PIL's residence.
- Remote stations, located either at home or a location where information can be transmitted to the MICU.
- Remote stations will provide the information identified within this document via voice to the MICU.
- Personnel at the MICU will evaluate the reported information and identify at least four (4) stations that will provide the greatest distinct locations within the area covered by COARECT (i.e. East/West La Pine, Water Wonder Land/Sunriver, and North Klamath County and HIDARG coverage area. Such information will be transmitted by VARA, through Walker Mt. repeater to K7PIL.
- Once remote stations have provided required information they can be released.

OPERATIONS

The following are the steps to be taken during this exercise:

Initial Exercise Notification

Approximately 10 minutes before the exercise begins team members will be sent a text message via Push Over informing them of the exercise and what repeater to report to.

Initial Check-in Frequency

- At the designated time of the exercise COARECT team members will check into the Walker Mt. repeater 145.470; T – 123 and HIDARG members will check into Mt. Bachelor repeater 145.450; T – 103.5 by voice.
- Once a team member has checked into the net they will await further information requests by net control.

REQUESTED INFORMATION

After stations have checked into the call frequency and been recognized by the net controller, they will standby for net control to request the information noted below.

- COARECT team members would indicate if they had received the initial notification through Push Over.
- Lat and Long
- Weather information (i.e. sunny, overcast, rain, and/or snow)
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Wind Speed
- How they retrieved weather information (personal weather station, internet or broadcast).

Information transfer from MICU to VARA STATION

Information received by staff at the MICU will be evaluated for content and location. The staff will select at least four (6) representative station reports, preferably from stations having a local home weather station and where possible from distinct locations (La Pine east/west, Water Wonder Land/Sunriver, and north Klamath County as well as those identified by HIDARG. Such information will be transmitted from the MICU to K7PIL via VARA through the Walker Mt. repeater.

Once all the information sent by VARA has been received and confirmed the exercise will be terminated.

Once a team member station has provided the information noted above and the net controller has acknowledged the receipt, the team member may check out of the exercise.

Staffing Positions

In addition to net controllers there will be additional staffing positions to oversee operations.

- **Incident Commander – (Cliff / WB7PSE with Alan / KK7MKQ & Cyndi / KJ7CPP shadowing)** This person will be in charge of and provide oversight for the entire exercise. This person will be the only person who can modify, update or cancel any part of the exercise.
- **Technical Position – (Cliff / NC7CH)** This person will troubleshoot, repair and/or modify any issues related to the operation of all radios, computers, and accompanying devices. If issues arise that cannot be correct with the concurrence of the Incident Commander, the exercise may be terminated.
- **Digital Position – (Jeff / W7JST & Paul / K7PIL)** This person will be available to troubleshoot, modify, and/or repair any issues relative to digital communication. If it is determined by this person, with the concurrence of the Incident Commander this portion of the exercise may be terminated or modified.
- **Net Controllers – (Mike / KK7NBQ & Mike / KC7LUC)** An individual net controller will be identified for COARECT and HIDARG who will be responsible for controlling individual frequencies, collecting information, release stations once they have provided the required information, and releasing the frequency of use back to normal amateur use.
- **Scribes – (Tony / KK7EYI & ?)** Each net controller will have an individual scribe to take notes on information collected from each reporting station.

NOTE: ALL TRANSMISSIONS OF THE RADIO TRAFFIC WILL BEGIN AND END WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT : “THIS IS A DRILL”. AT NO TIME WILL THE TERM EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY EXERCISE, OR ANY LIKE PHRASE BE USED.