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Forum in Bend to focus on cannabis safety

(Deschutes County, Oregon) – Cannabis growers and extractors are invited to an unprecedented opportunity to learn from government and business leaders about safety and health in the cannabis industry as part of a two-day event in Bend next month.

Deschutes County Farm Bureau and the Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Health & Safety Committee, in partnership with Oregon’s Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA), present the “Safety and Health in the Cannabis Industry: From Seed to Shatter” forum, taking place Sept. 18-19 at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes.

“This forum is really about helping growers and extractors build their knowledge and skills so they can fortify the safety and health of their job sites and continue to send workers home safe and sound at the end of every work day,” said Cory Stengel, chair of the OFB Health & Safety Committee.

The cannabis forum is part of the larger Central Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference, which will tackle a range of other workplace health and safety issues.

The forum arrives as Oregon’s cannabis industry continues to evolve. The event will address multiple health and safety topics, as well as give participants a question-and-answer session.

Speakers will include representatives from Oregon OSHA, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, the Portland and Bend fire departments, and Oregon-based grow and extraction operations.

Topics will include:

· OLCC requirements

· Cannabis grow operations

· Hydrocarbon extraction
· Carbon dioxide extraction
· CO2 and alcohol extraction
· Fire marshal regulations
· Pesticide regulations
· Ergonomic risk factors
· Oregon OSHA consultation services

Registration for the Central Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference, which includes the cannabis forum, is now open. The cost to attend ranges from $55 to $210.

For more details about the cannabis forum – including specific presentation times and topic areas – or to register, go to https://safetyseries.cvent.com/central18.


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> The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon’s largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, go to www.dcbs.oregon.gov.

> Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit, general farm organization representing the interests of farming and ranching families in the public and policymaking arenas. First established in Oregon at the county level in 1919 and the state level in 1932, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties. Learn more at www.oregonfb.org.