

John Day Interagency Dispatch News Release



Malheur National Forest



Oregon Department of Forestry

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Wildfire Update

Oregon Department of Forestry and the Malheur National Forest crew's continue to work several incidents located on state and federal lands. These incidents were caused by numerous lightning storms passing over Eastern Oregon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Malheur National Forest crews are fighting the Sunshine Fire, estimated to be 160 acres, with a Type III team, which includes two 20 man crews, 5 engines, and a bulldozer. Crews have set up a staging area at the Blue Mountain Work Center. The fire is located north of Forest Service Road 45 in the John Day Middle Fork area. Crews also continue to fight smaller incidents throughout the Forest.

Oregon Department of Forestry continues to fight three significant fires in our area. A Type III team, based at the Monument school, is managing the Wagon Road Gulch Fire which is at 100 acres in size and is 75% contained. The Birch Creek Fire, located 1 mile South of Kimberly is estimated to be 200 acres in size and is 75% contained. The Rudio Mountain Fire, located north of Dayville is at 35 acres in size, located in heavy fuels and has the potential for growth.

With the extreme fire danger continuing, everyone is reminded of restrictions on motorized use, campfires, smoking, and industrial use currently in effect.

To report a fire, call 541-575-1321.

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