

Rabbit Butte Fire Being Closely Monitored



The North Fork John Day Ranger District is currently monitoring a small fire in the North Fork John Day Wilderness near Rabbit Butte 6 miles west of Granite, OR. This lightning-caused fire was most likely initiated during the passing of the recent storm cell across NE Oregon on Sept. 10, 2010.

This fire was reported on Sept. 14, 2010. Since then, frequent monitoring of this incident from both air and ground has told us that this fire is currently ½-acre fire and slowly working its way downslope through light brush, downed logs, and timber in a northeasterly direction towards Rabbit Creek.

Currently smoke is not visible from the community of Granite, but is visible from the area of FR 1035 as well as from Silver Butte. Hunters and other Wilderness visitors may be able to see smoke in the area east of Rabbit Butte.

Due to current and expected weather conditions along with the time of the year, we are closely monitoring the incident and have developed contingency plans that can be implemented should full suppression be warranted.

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