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## FIRE CREWS FIGHTING TO CONTAIN A WILDFIRE WEST OF LAKEVIEW

**Lakeview, Oregon** – Interagency fire crews are working to contain a wildfire burning in timber and brush on private and public land 12 miles west of Lakeview, Oregon. The fire was reported today at 4:00 a.m.

The fire, named the Wildcat Fire, is estimated to be 100 acres. It is burning in steep terrain, requiring crews to hike .4 miles to access the perimeter. No structures are threatened at this time.

The Oregon Department of Forestry, Fremont-Winema National Forests, Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Warner Creek Correctional Facility have firefighters and/or equipment on scene. Management of the fire will transition to a Type III Incident Management Team this evening. Additional incident support is currently being mobilized from outside of the area.

The public is asked to refrain from driving on Wildcat Fire access roads to limit interference with firefighting equipment and personnel engaged in suppression efforts.

Thunderstorm activity is forecasted to continue through this evening. A total of 24 wildfires have been reported this morning.

For regular updates on the status of the Wildcat Fire, please call (541) 947-6261.

For more information about public use restrictions currently in effect or how you can prevent wildfires, contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or U.S. Park Service or visit these websites:

http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml

http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/kfifc/intel.html

http://www.scofmp.org/index.html