John Day Interagency Dispatch News Release



Malheur National Forest



Oregon Department of Forestry

August 8, 2008

For More Information: Mike Stearly, 541-575-3000

Wildfire Update

As a result of thunderstorms that moved through eastern Oregon, nearly 100 fires have been reported on lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry and the Malheur National Forest. Most of these fires are less than one acre in size.

Oregon Department of Forestry continues to fight a fire reported at over 300 acres in the Kimberly area. A Type III team is arriving today to manage this fire. A 275 acre fire north of Waterman area has been contained and a 61 acre fire north of Mitchell has also been contained.

Initial attack by local fire-fighting resources has been busy staffing the reported incidents and officials expect to have additional fires to be reported throughout the day. With all the available initial attack resources stretched thin, additional crews and resources are being added to assist.

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

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