John Day Interagency Dispatch News Release



Malheur National Forest



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Wildfire Update

Department of Forestry and the Malheur National Forest crew's continue to work through the weekend on incidents located on state and federal lands. These incidents were caused by numerous lightning strikes combined with Red Flag conditions that existed in Eastern Oregon last week.

Malheur National Forest crews got the upper hand on the Sunshine Fire, located north of Forest Service Road 45 in the John Day Middle Fork area. The fire was estimated to be 150 acres, with no growth through the day on Saturday, and is reported to be 90% contained. The Type III team continues to man the fire with the needed resources. Crews continue to staff incidents throughout the Forest, with three new small fires responded to on Saturday.

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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