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Trout Meadows Fire Now Estimated at 1,400 Acres
Area, Road and Trail Closures Implemented

Pendleton, OR: A wildfire burning in the North Fork John Day Wilderness approximately 25 miles southeast of Ukiah, OR is now estimated at 1,400 acres and is 0% contained. Area, road and trail closures have been implemented for public and firefighter safety.

Road Closures include:
- Forest Road 51 from its junction with Forest Road 73 to its junction with Forest Road 5185.
- Forest Road 52 from its junction with Forest Road 51 to its junction with Forest Road 5225.
- Forest Road 5225

Trail Closures include:
- Forest System Trail 3022 from its junction with Forest System Trail 3025 easterly to its terminus
- Forest System Trail 3025
- Forest System Trail 3011

An **area closure**, in the vicinity of the fire, has also been implemented. The road and trail closures listed above border the area closure. A map of the closures will be posted on-line Sunday morning.

The **Trout Meadows Fire** was reported Friday afternoon and is burning in the northeast corner of the North Fork John Day Wilderness on both Umatilla National Forest lands and Oregon Department of Forestry protected lands. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined though Forest officials suspect it could be a hold-over fire from the July 26th lightning event.

The ORCA Incident Management Team (IMT), lead by Incident Commander (IC) Ken Paul, has been has taken over management of the Trout Meadows Fire. The Incident Command Post (ICP,) also known as fire camp, will be set up in the town of Ukiah.

With continued hot and dry weather conditions in the forecast, everyone is reminded that public-use restrictions involving motorized use, campfires, smoking, and industrial use are in effect throughout the area. All burn permits on private land have been cancelled.

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