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Fire activity on Vale District

VALE, Oregon – Lightning strikes began on the Vale District around 11 a.m. today, igniting a fire in the Chukar Park area northwest of Juntura. The juniper Reservoir fire is currently estimated at 1,050 acres and growing. A type III team is on scene.

Five additional lighting strikes reported in the late afternoon touched off four fires south of Baker City.

The Pleasant Valley Fire and Maning Creek Fire (near Durkee) are both burning adjacent to I-84. The current status of road closures can be obtained from Oregon Department of Transportation, www.tripcheck.com. Some structures in the area may be at risk. The Baker County Task Force has been delegated structure protection and is working with affected residents.

Two fires (approximately 6 and 14 acres) are located two-to-five miles from the lookout on Lookout Mountain.

Additional thunderstorms are expected this evening. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. For further information, contact Debbie Lyons at (541) 473-6218.

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