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## **Star Mountain Fire 80 percent contained**

**VALE, Oregon** – The Star Mountain Fire, south of Juntura, grew modestly yesterday to 43,545 acres and is now 80 percent contained. According to Mike Hartwell, Fire Management Officer for the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District, cloud cover and higher humidity helped to counteract yesterday's high winds.

Nearly 200 firefighters are still assigned to the effort. "We're still seeing some action, especially in the northwest corner," said Hartwell. "With the sun coming out, we could very well see an increase in activity," he added.

The Star Mountain Fire began Monday night with lightning strikes as a storm cell passed through the area.

For more information, please contact the Vale District Office, at (541) 473-3144, or visit their website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale).

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