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## **Sign up emergency equipment with BLM**

**VALE, Oregon** – The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management will sign-up emergency fire suppression equipment from April 2 through June 1, and will offer required courses for all operators April 20 and May 21.

To be eligible to sign up emergency equipment, your primary base of operation must be located within Oregon and/or Washington. Pre-inspection packets are available through the Vale District Office, and appointments must be scheduled in advance for equipment inspection. In addition, all operators of emergency fire suppression equipment will be required to attend an 8-hour course covering basic fire safety and fire shelter use.

Individuals who previously had equipment signed up will receive a packet with a letter notifying them of the required 8 hours of training and the forms needed to update any information. Individuals that want to sign up new equipment should notify Russell Wilstead at (541) 473-6319 to receive a pre-inspection packet and will need to set up an appointment to inspect the new equipment. Any equipment that is signed up will not be considered for hire unless operators have completed the 8-hour course.

Classes for prospective operators are scheduled for April 20, 8 a.m., at the Vale BLM SRV training room, and May 21, 9 a.m. at the Jordan Valley BLM guard station. Class size is limited.

To obtain pre-inspection packets, schedule inspections, or sign up for the operators' class, please contact Russell Wilstead, Vale District BLM, at (541) 473-6319.

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