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Fire activity update on Vale District

VALE, Oregon – Lightning strikes continued throughout last night, with some scattered rain.

The Pleasant Valley Fire and Manning Creek Fire (near Durkee) reported last night adjacent to I-84 no longer pose a threat to structures or I-84/Highway 30. The Pleasant Valley Fire is estimated to be at 3,000 acres this morning, and the Manning Creek Fire was contained at 20 acres last night just before 11 p.m. A third fire (Mile Marker 330) is now estimated at 3.5 acres on the hill just above the Ash Grove Cement plant.

The Juniper Reservoir Fire, near Chukar Park northwest of Juntura, is currently estimated at 5,000 acres. A Type III team of firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management's Vale and Burns districts have been delegated operational command. Due to the positioning of fire resources in Chukar Park, and fire activity in the area, Chukar Park will be closed at least through this weekend.

As the temperature increases this morning, it is possible additional fires resulting from last night's lightning activity could be identified. Reconnaissance to evaluate the area for additional fires is expected as soon as resources are available. Additional information will be provided as it develops.

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