

Fire News

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Oregon Department of Forestry, Lake Unit (www.odf.state.or.us/kl/)*

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Fire Update June 29, 2006 6 p.m.

Lakeview, Oregon – Lightning activity yesterday afternoon and evening resulted in 15 new fires. All fires were located northeast of Fort Rock, Oregon and situated between the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Fort Rock Guard Station and Green Mountain. The fires were less than one-quarter acre in size and have been contained. Crews from Fort Rock Guard Station continued to patrol the perimeter of them today. One additional lightning caused fire occurred early this afternoon on lands administered by the BLM south of the Gerber Guard Station and east of Round Valley Reservoir. The fire is less than one-quarter acre in size. No additional information on containment is available. Some rain was received on the Onion fire, which is located on lands administered by the Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge. The 150 acre fire is burning in brush and grass. The fire is located roughly 18 miles south of the Dufurrena Field Station off of U.S. Highway 140 in Nevada. The Incident Command Post has been set up at the field station. A South Central Oregon Type III Incident Management Team is directing fire suppression actions. The fire is fifty-five percent contained and no additional spread occurred in the past 24 hours. There is no estimate of full containment or control at this time. Resources currently assigned to this fire include seven engines, a helicopter, two water tenders and one 20 person hand crew for a total of 45 people. Crews continued to construct new fire containment lines and reinforced existing lines throughout the day with the aid of water drops from the helicopter.

Agencies currently involved in the Onion fire include the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and private contractors.

Additional information can be obtained at the following web site:

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