

GROWING IN SIZE, THORNE CREEK NOW CALLED SHAKETABLE COMPLEX

Date: August 23, 2006

Time: 1730 pm

The Thorne Creek fire in the Murderers Creek area of the Malheur National Forest has increased to about 2000 acres. With the growth in size and other fires in the area this fire complex will now be referred to as Shaketable Complex. The Oregon Department of Forestry Team number 2 will be arriving this evening and taking command of this complex Thursday morning.

A road and area closure has been enacted from the 2150 road to the junction with the 2180 road to Forest Road 24 and all lands north of the Forest Road 24 from the 2180 road west to the South Fork Road on public lands. The Grant County Sheriff's office and Malheur National Forest personnel are attempting to locate and inform all hunters and others who may be in the area. The public is strongly urged to stay out of this area of the Forest due to the high fire danger and to allow for ready access of firefighting traffic. A temporary flight restriction is also being instituted over this area.

Roads closed include:

Forest Road 2150 from the 21 road to Aldrich Lookout

Forest Road 2170 from the 21 road west to the Forest Boundary

Forest Road 2180 from the 21 road to the 24 road

Forest Road 2480 from road 2180 to 2490.

Forest Road 2400-389 from the 24 road to Forest Road 2490-228.

Visitors are encouraged to check with the Malheur National Forest office at 541-575-3000 for current information.