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Cougar Fire Update

John Day, OR- The Blue Mountain Interagency Incident Management Team, a Type 2 team has assumed command of the Cougar Fire. The fire is located approximately 9 mi SE of Canyon City, in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness. The fire is estimated to be 600 acres in size.

As daytime heating occurs and winds pickup, fire activity will increase as well as the amount of visible smoke in the area. The fire continues to burn in areas of steep rocky terrain, containing grass and timber.

Several local resources as well as crews from around the area continue their efforts on this fire. Air resources will be assisting ground crews with water and retardant drops as required.

An Incident Command Post, as well as base camp has been set up at Grant Union High School. Drivers are urged to use caution in this area due to increased traffic and activity.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined at this time and is under investigation.

To report a fire, call 541-575-1321.

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