



Malheur National Forest

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FIRE UPDATE

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9:00 AM

John Day, OR – As a result of last night's lightning activity, 5 small fires, the largest reported at 3 acres, have been confirmed just outside the southwest boundary of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness. Initial attack crews have responded.

Currently a Red Flag Warning is in effect for the Strawberry Mountains – A Red Flag warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now...or will shortly. The potential for new fire starts due to dry lightning after an extended warm and dry period will increase this afternoon and evening across the Southern Blue Mountains.

Malheur Forest officials would like to remind everyone that fire danger is extreme public-use restrictions involving motorized use, campfires, smoking, and industrial use are in effect throughout the area.

Updates will be sent out as conditions change.

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