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## VANDALS STRIKE LOGGING EQUIPMENT ON MONUMENT FIRE SALVAGE SALES

JOHN DAY, OR: Vandals recently damaged at least two pieces of logging equipment, owned by J & D Logging of Prairie City that were being used in timber salvages operations on the Malheur National Forest Monument I and Monument II sales, announced Roger Williams, Forest Supervisor. Damages could be as high as \$100,000. It appears that two other pieces of equipment were tampered with though it is not known at this time if they are damaged.

“This was a malicious, intentional act done apparently to prevent further logging operations,” said Williams. “However, we do not anticipate that this will cause any delay in the salvage logging operations on the Monument sales.”

This type of crime is considered a felony and is punishable by law. Baker County Sheriff’s Department is working closely with Forest Service law enforcement and other federal agencies in the investigation of this crime. If anyone has any information that might lead to the individuals who committed this crime, please call the Baker County Sheriff’s office at (541)523-6415 or the Malheur National Forest law enforcement office at (541)575-3399.

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