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FIRE NEWS--Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center

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Firefighters Keep Fires Small; Local Team Assigned to Cougar Ridge Fire

Central Oregon – Firefighters have done an excellent job with initial attack efforts, containing the approximate 150 lightning-caused fire starts across Central Oregon since Thursday, July 30.

The Type II Central Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team (Mark Rapp) is being mobilized to the Cougar Ridge Fire in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Wallowa Whitman National Forest.

The Muddy Creek Incident, located 11 miles southeast of Antelope, is estimated to be 15,500 acres in size and is 20% contained. This fire is mostly on private range land; once it crossed over onto Prineville Bureau of Land Management, three engines responded. Currently, a Type 3 Incident Commander (Fisher), three Prineville BLM engines, three Oregon Department of Forestry engines and one dozer is assigned to the fire

The Evans Creek Fire, Incident #612, located one mile south of Green Mountain on the Ochoco National Forest is 25 acres in size and is 100 percent contained. Due to continued fire traffic and burn-area conditions, the road and trail closure remains in effect.

EVANS CREEK ROAD AND TRAIL CLOSURE: Due to the amount of fire-related traffic and for general public safety, the Ochoco National Forest has temporarily closed the 3380 Road and the Green Mountain Trail. To locate the 3380 road - from the Mill Creek Road 33, turn west onto 3370 Road and follow that ½ mile to the junction of the 3370/3380 road. The 3380 Road is closed at the junction with 3370. The trailhead for the Green Mt Trail is at the end of the 3380 road. Green Mt Trail is closed in its entirety, from Rd 3380 to Harvey Gap. These closures will remain in effect until the closure order is rescinded. For a map of the closure area please go to the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire

Incident #685, located approximately 11 miles southwest of Mitchell and two miles northeast of Cougar Butte, was reported last night. Resources responding included two engines and one hand crew. The fire is ¼ acre in size in heavy timber. The fire has been lined and firefighters will continue mopping up the fire today.

Incident #661, located 35 miles east of La Pine near Fox Butte is 6 acres in size and is currently staffed with one crew, one engine and two water tenders. The fire was contained yesterday evening.

Incident #488, located near Alkali Butte between Prineville Reservoir and the Maury Mountains, is 46 acres in size and is 75 percent contained.

A Red Flag Warning remains in effect throughout most of Central Oregon for abundant lightning until 11 p.m. this evening. Cooler temperatures are predicted today continuing through Friday.

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