

# John Day Interagency Dispatch News Release



Malheur National Forest



Oregon Department of Forestry

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## More Lighting Caused Wildfires Reported

John Day, OR – Fire crews on the Malheur National Forest remained busy yesterday responding to many more reported fires. The crews staffed 15 additional fires on Monday, bringing the total number of staffed fires to 26.

“Of the fires staffed, 22 of the 26 are controlled,” said Theresa Youmans, acting Dispatch Center Manager, “all fires on the Forest are under an acre in size at this time.

More thunderstorms are expected to move through the area today and tomorrow. “We received a significant amount of lightning Monday afternoon,” Stated Rob Batten, Deputy Fire Staff Officer, “We expect to receive a lot more reported fire starts.”

Due to higher humidity levels and moisture from the storms, fire growth has been held to moderate levels.

### Resources assigned:

10 Rappellers

10 Smoke Jumpers

2- Type 1 Hotshot Crews

5- Type 2 Crews

23 Engines

4 Aircraft

A Red Flag Warning remains in effect until 11 p.m. Wednesday. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. These conditions create the potential for quick fire growth.

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

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