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FIRE NEWS--Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center
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Shadow Lake Fire Update

Sisters Oregon – The Shadow Lake Fire is currently burning entirely within the Mt Washington Wilderness. The fire perimeter encompasses over 450 acres (approximately 300 acres is currently burning and the remaining is unburned fuel pockets). As these pockets burn, smoke will be expected to be visible from the Greater Sisters area for several days.

The fire has burned east into the 2006 George Washington Fire scar where fire intensity decreased and fire progress has slowed. The fire was primarily active on the east flank as it moved toward the fire scar, and is also actively backing to the west farther into the wilderness. Additional old fire scars around the fire are helping decrease fire behavior.

Firefighters are continuing to hold and improve fire containment lines with the primary objective of keeping the fire south of Forest Road 500 road and primarily within the Mt. Washington Wilderness.

Due to fire location and complexity, Agency officials have made the decision to bring in a National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) and a Long Term Assessment Team to assess potential long term fire behavior and spread along with fire suppression organizational needs. The Incident Management Team from Central Oregon (Travis Moyer) will retain command of the fire, until further assessments have been finalized for longer term needs.

Incident Command Post (ICP) will be located at Allingham Guard Station; as a result there will be increased traffic along Forest Road 14. With Labor Day weekend approaching motorists are being asked to drive with caution.

A closure area of the Shadow Lake Fire is now in effect. Closure information and maps will be available this afternoon at <http://www.inciweb.org/>. The Pacific Crest Trail currently remains open on the west edge of the closure area. In addition, Forest Road 1028 remains open to provide access to forest users.

Over 30 fires have been suppressed from lightning strikes, as a result of storms passing through the area between the Cascade Crest and Deschutes River from August 24 - August 28. With warming and drying conditions predicted, fire crews continue to patrol areas to detect and suppress new fire starts. With hunting season in affect and the upcoming busy Labor Day weekend, forest users are encouraged to be careful with all uses of fire (i.e. campfires, smoking).

Shadow Lake Fire:
Location: Mt. Washington Wilderness, Sisters, Oregon
Date Started: 08/2/2011
Cause: Under Investigation
Size: 456 acres
Percent Contained: 0%
Total Personnel: 147
Resources: Crews: 4, Engines: 9, Dozers: 2, Water Tenders: 3 and misc Overhead.