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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 continues to burn entirely within the Mt Washington Wilderness, 15 miles west of Sisters. The fire perimeter grew to nearly 500 acres (approximately 320 acres has now burned with the remaining acres in unburned fuel pockets). As these pockets burn, smoke will be visible from the greater Sisters area.

The fire has burned east into the 2006 George Washington Fire scar where fire intensity decreased and fire progress has slowed. Higher overnight humidity and cooler daytime temperatures decreased fire activity on Tuesday. The fire was most active to the west as it continued to slowly back farther into the wilderness and mainly smoldered on the east flank. Additional old fire scars around the fire are helping decrease fire behavior and growth.

Cool temperatures and good overnight humidity recovery will assist firefighters today in continuing to hold and suppress the fire. Firefighters plan to continue holding and improving fire containment lines with the primary objective of keeping the fire south of Forest Road 500, east of the containment line along the wilderness boundary and overall mainly within the Mt. Washington Wilderness.

The Incident Management Team from Central Oregon (Travis Moyer) will retain command of the fire through today's operational shift. A National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) has arrived and will transition with Moyer's Team throughout the day and plan to take over management of the fire at 6 p.m. tonight. In addition, due to fire location and complexity, Agency officials have brought in a Long Term Assessment Team to assess potential long term fire behavior and spread along with fire suppression organizational needs.

Incident Command Post (ICP) is now located at Allingham Guard Station resulting in increased traffic along Forest Road 14. With hunting seasons open and Labor Day weekend approaching motorists are asked to drive with caution.

A closure area of the Shadow Lake Fire remains in effect. Closure information and maps are available at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2550>. The Pacific Crest Trail remains open on the west edge of the closure area. Forest Road 1028 currently also remains open providing access to forest users.

<b>Shadow Lake Fire:</b>
<b>Location:</b> Mt. Washington Wilderness, Sisters, Oregon
<b>Date Started:</b> 08/28/2011
<b>Cause:</b> Lightning
<b>Size:</b> 497 acres
<b>Percent Contained:</b> 0%
<b>Total Personnel:</b> 197
<b>Resources:</b> Crews: 6, Engines: 9, Dozers: 2, Water Tenders: 3 and misc Overhead.