

John Day Interagency Dispatch News Release



Malheur National Forest



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Wildfire Update - July 14 - 0900

John Day, OR – The thunderstorm that swept through the area Friday night sparked several new fires on Malheur National Forest and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) lands.

Three new fires were reported on the Malheur National Forest – one at Blue Mountain Summit, another one up Indian Creek Road and a third one in the Strawberry Lake area. There was also a fire reported on the Heppner District of the Umatilla National Forest near Tamarack Lookout. Fire crews are responding to the reported fires.

ODF crews are responding to a fire reported off of County Road 3 as well as one that was reported near Ritter around Milepost 2.

The Grindstone Fire in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness was 100% contained as of Friday, July 13. Crews have mopped up 40 feet into the perimeter of the fire and will continue with mop up efforts today. The Strawberry Mountain Wilderness continues to have a temporary closure in the southern half of the wilderness.

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

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