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## **Winds Increase Size of Fire**

**Vale, Ore**—Bureau of Land Management Vale District. At approximately 4:45 pm MDT on Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> a fire was reported to the Vale District dispatch center. The Danner Loop 2 fire is located 8 miles west of Jordan Valley. The winds on Tuesday afternoon spread the fire northwesterly but late last night as the cold front moved into the area the winds direction changed and blew out of the southwest causing the fire to spread to the east toward Highway 95 north of Jordan Valley Oregon. Last night Highway 95 was closed for a period of time as the fire threatened to cross the road but fire crews were able to hold the fire west of the highway. A pilot car is currently taking traffic through but delays can occur should the fire or smoke make the road impassable. The current acreage is estimated at 18000 acres. Initial attack forces remained on the fire throughout the night and will be reinforced by addition resources this morning. The Jordan Rural Land Fire Protection has also sent resources to assist in the effort. Air resources will available this morning and will be called to assist as needed. Two type 2-20 person hand crews arrived; an addition bull dozer, two water tenders, ten additional engines and supervisory fire personnel have also arrived and are being sent to the fire. Fire investigators have not determined the cause of the fire at this point. As more information becomes available additional press releases will be sent out.

**Additional information about the BLM Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale).**

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