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Update on the Sardine Fire

Vale, Ore—Bureau of Land Management Vale District

Sardine Fire—Crews worked throughout the day yesterday and made significant progress establishing control lines. Additional resources arrived in the morning to help with the suppression effort allowing initial attack resources to return to their bases. The fire is located 10 miles southeast of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and 10 miles northwest of Durkee Oregon. Citizens are asked to avoid the area as fire traffic is heavy with bull dozers and transports, water tenders and engines traveling on the roads. Through better mapping the acreage was lowered to 6070 acres burned. If all goes as planned, containment of this fire is expected late this afternoon. The fire weather watch predicted for the Baker City area has been lifted though the chance of isolated thunderstorms remains. Initial attack forces remain on a heightened state of alert.

Additional information about the BLM Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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