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Fire activity update on the Vale District

Vale, Oregon – A new fire was reported at approximately 1:30 Friday, in the Malheur Resource Area.

The Irish Spring Fire which is burning 10 miles south of the community of Ironside on highway 26 has burnt 15430 acres. High winds are affecting suppression efforts forcing crews to move off the line and focus on structure protection. Winds are pushing the fire in a northeastern direction, but with the erratic winds, the fire has jumped the South and West end of the incident.

The Northwest type II Team (Carl West incident commander) will take control of the fire at 8:00 tomorrow night.

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