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MILLER HOMESTEAD FIRE UPDATE: JULY 10, 7:00 A.M.

HINES, Ore. – The Miller Homestead fire, located approximately 12 miles west of Frenchglen, grew considerably throughout the afternoon Monday. Heavy, sporadic winds combined with high temperatures and low fuel moisture gave way to over 8,000 additional acres burned. The increased size and northeast direction of spread brought at least two residences under remote threat from the wildfire. Firefighters from the Burns Interagency Fire Zone moved directly to the structures to provide point protection early Monday evening and a Single Engine Air Tanker from Lakeview assisted. Burnout operations and direct attack suppression efforts proved successful in the late evening, bringing the fire to 10% contained at over 11,000 acres.

Today firefighters will continue working to secure containment lines around the fire. A Type 3 Incident Management Team from Lakeview will be on site later this morning to assist with operations and logistics for the incident. The Miller Homestead fire started on Sunday evening after a brief thunderstorm passed through Harney County.

Fire danger remains MODERATE within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is a level two. A regulated fire closure is in effect for the east side of Steens Mountain.

Visitors should use caution when traveling through and recreating in the outdoors this time of year.

To report a wildfire, call 573-1000.

For more information on current wildfire activity, call 573-4519.

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