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THUNDERSTORMS BRING WILDFIRE TO HARNEY COUNTY

HINES, Ore. – Recent lightning storms brought firefighters into action throughout Harney County this week. From Monday evening through Thursday afternoon, over two dozen lightning strikes touched down in the Burns Interagency Fire Zone, igniting several small wildfires and bringing the total number of incidents for the year to 24. After nearly six weeks of minimal to no wildfire activity in the area, firefighters welcomed the work and have been successful in their suppression efforts so far.

Wildfires are spread across Harney County from north to south, with the majority limited to a single tree or less than one acre in size. The largest incident – a 5-acre fire by Little Sagehen Flat, north of Burns near Myrtle Creek – was discovered Thursday. A 10-person handcrew and various engines are working to complete containment lines.

Fire danger remains HIGH and the Industrial Fire Precaution Level is a level two, partial hootowl. A regulated fire closure for all public lands south of Highway 20 prohibits off road travel, open fires except at designated campgrounds, and limits smoking out of doors.

To report a wildfire, call 573-1000.

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

For more information on public use restrictions or regulated fire closures, call 573-4555.

