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## BLM Urges Caution as Hunting Season Approaches

VALE, OREGON –The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management continues to urge recreationists to be cautious with fire. With the start of hunting season this weekend, many people will be out enjoying a variety of activities on public lands. Conditions have improved with cooler temperatures at night, but daytime temperatures have reached into the 90s – unseasonably hot for this time of year. There is still a need for your continued diligence in preventing wildfires until the BLM Districts receive significant rainfall.

Hunters are reminded to be extra careful when they build campfires: never leave your fire unattended and make sure it is dead out before breaking camp. Afternoon temperatures and wind can rekindle a smoldering fire, which could cause a wildfire. Exhaust systems on vehicles start numerous fires too; check for any brush or debris that might be trapped in or around your catalytic converter. It is recommended you still carry a shovel and a container of water to put out your campfire and a fire extinguisher for other fire emergencies. You should also know that if you start a fire, even by accident, you may be financially responsible for the expenses incurred to suppress that fire.

For further information, you can contact the Vale District at 541-473-3144 or 541-473-6295 or visit their website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale).

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