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Multiple fire starts on the Vale District

Vale, Ore. –Bureau of Land Management, Vale District. The District continues to experience multiple lightning strikes which have ignited fires throughout the District. Sunday, August 5th, and Monday August 6th was no exception.

12 Mile Fire-The fire started Sunday August 5th in the evening from lightning. Located near 12 mile reservoir in the south portion of the District initial attack was able to limit the size to 2.4 acres. The fire was contained at 1130 pm. Sunday.

Brown Ridge Fire-The fire started Sunday evening from lightning. Located 3 miles south of Three Forks Recreation site on state lands, BLM initial attack with assistance from rural fire protection were able to limit the spread of the fire to 52 acres. The fire was contained at 0730 am on Monday August 6th.

Cougar Fire-The fire started Sunday evening from lightning. Located 5 miles southeast of Three Forks Recreation site on state lands, BLM initial attack with assistance from rural fire protection fought this fire in the early morning hours of Monday morning. Additional resources were ordered, dozers, water tenders and engines as this fire proved to be troublesome but by Monday evening this fire was declared contained at 467 acres.

Butte Fire-The fire started Monday morning on private land. Located near Malheur Butte, the rural fire protection agencies along with an engine from the Vale BLM responded and were able to limit the growth to 5 acres. The fire was declared contained on Monday afternoon.

Jordan Valley-This fire started Monday afternoon from lightning. Located 4 miles southwest of Jordan Valley, the fire grew to 150 acres by Tuesday morning before crews were able to stop the spread.

Lytle Fire-Located 2 miles southeast of Vale, three lightning strikes ignited three separate fires in the area, these three fires joined to become the Lytle Fire and burned approximately 5357 acres before crews were able to use existing roads and bull dozers to secure the fire perimeter. The fire is about 50% contained. Temperatures for Tuesday August 7th are predicted to reach 104 degrees with winds at 7 mile miles per hour, these will test the lines as crews continue to improve and secure hotspots near the fireline.

Holloway Fire-Located 25 miles east of Denio Nevada on the Winnemucca BLM District, is expected to cross the Oregon/Nevada border onto the Vale District today. A Type

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Management team has been ordered to take over management of the fire.

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

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