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## The Stockade Fire and Crowley Creek Fire Burn Together

**Vale, Oregon** – The Bureau of Land Management, Vale District. Tuesday evening June 11<sup>th</sup> the two fires, **Stockade Fire** and **Crowley Creek Fire** burned together as winds over 30 miles per hour continued to spread the fire north and east. The fire is located 5 miles due east of Stockade Mountain in Malheur County.

Dave Toney's High Desert Type 3 Team took over management of the **Crowley Creek Fires** at 0600 on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Resources on the fire include: 12 Engines, 3 bulldozers, 3 water-tenders, 3 twenty person hand crews and 5 helicopters. Large air tankers continue to support fire personnel with retardant drops. Single engine air tankers will arrive Wednesday afternoon and will work out of the Ontario Airport in support of fire operations. Additional resources have been requested and are expected to arrive later Wednesday.

Harney Electric Cooperative was notified late Tuesday evening that electric transmission lines along the Crowley Road could be damaged by the fire; power poles are intact at this time. Three Ranches in the area are threatened along with numerous outbuildings but none have sustained damage. No firefighting personnel have been injured to date.

The **South Fork Fires** (five small fires) continued to hold at 250 acres. The fires are located on State Lands in Harney County near the South Fork of the Malheur River. BLM provides fire protection to State Lands in this area. Engine crews and hand crews continue to make good progress on these fires.

The weather forecast is for much of the same for Wednesday with winds at 8-13 miles per hour with gusts to 18 miles per hour increasing to 24 miles per hour in the afternoon. Temperatures are expected to be cooler with the maximum between 69-80 degrees and humidity at mid-day at 11-21 percent. Wednesday evening there is a 20 per cent chance of thunderstorms.

For further information, or to report wildfires, please contact the Vale BLM Dispatch Center at 541-473-6295 or 1-800-982-0287.

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