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Fire Information: The Long Draw, Bonita and Iron Fires

Vale, Oregon – The Bureau of Land Management, Vale District. Management of the Long Draw Fire was undertaken at 0800 am July 10, 2012 by the Oregon Interagency Team #4. The delay was due to the team not being able to reach McDermitt Nevada as Highway 95 was intermittently closed by the fire last night. The Highway is currently open but vehicles are being escorted by a pilot car through the burn area. If smoke or fire makes the road impassable, the road may be closed until conditions improve. Team #4 will be sending out updates as well as a phone number for citizens to call as soon as Fire Information is operational.

Northern Vale District

There are now two fires burning in the northern portion of the District as the two fires the North Ridge Bully Fire and the Iron fire burned together last night and is now being called the Iron Fire. Both fires are in the Bonita area, located 8 miles southwest of Brogan, Oregon. A Type 2 Team has been requested to take over management of these two fires. In the meantime the Vale/Burns Type 3 team will continue to manage the fire until then. Efforts to control the fires have been hampered by the high temperatures (over 100 degrees) relative low humidity (single digits) and winds.

The **Bonita Fire** is currently at over 6300 acres, additional resources have been ordered to fight this fire.

The **Iron Fire** is currently at over 8300 acres additional resources have been ordered and are arriving.

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