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## Jackies Butte Fire

**Vale, Oregon – July 1, 2008.** The Bureau of Land Management reported the start of a fire in the vicinity of Jackies Butte at approximately 3:45 p.m. MDT on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The fire is located approximately 18 miles south of Rome, Oregon in Township 34 South, Range 42 East. The fire was started by lightning from an intense thunderstorm which moved through the area. Strong winds drove the fire south and east, wind speeds were estimated to be from 30-50 mph. The fire as of 0800 a.m. this morning was approximately 30,800 acres. Currently there are 8 engines, 2 dozers and 2 water tenders on the fire with additional resources ordered. The High Desert Type 3 Fire Team will take over management of the fire at 12:01 p.m., July 1st. Structures were threatened by the advancing fire but none have been lost to date. The fire is still a threat to private property, livestock, deer, antelope and wild horse forage areas, sagebrush habitat and the Owyhee River Wilderness Study Area. Estimated control of the fire is expected at 8 p.m. on July 2<sup>nd</sup> though additional high temperatures, winds and thunderstorms are predicted throughout the area this week.

For more information on fires within the Vale District BLM contact Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Officer or visit the website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale). To report a fire on the Vale District contact the Vale Dispatch Center at 541-473-6294 or 1-800-982-0287.

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