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Rehabilitation of the Long Draw Fire Area underway

VALE, OR. – In wake of the extensive wildfire that occurred on the Bureau of Land Management Vale District in July 2012, District personnel have begun the process of stabilizing and rehabilitating the Long Draw Fire area through implementation of a variety of treatments.

The Long Draw Fire started on July 8th and burned over 556,000 acres and covered 872 square miles before the fire was contained; it is the largest fire in recent Oregon history. The burned area is located between Jordan Valley, Oregon and McDermitt, Nevada.

On October 30, 2012, the National Environmental Policy Act Decision Record was signed. The decision record called for the construction of temporary protective fences, seeding of dozer lines constructed during the suppression effort and seeding of areas within the fire perimeter. Seeding treatments will use native and non-native grasses, and shrub species such as sagebrush and bitterbrush. Seeding will be completed by tractor drill seeding.

Temporary Fences	
Total Miles to Construct	Miles Completed to Date
30	**13**
Drill Seeding	
Total Acres to Seed	Acres Completed to Date
62,288	**14,630**
Dozer Lines Seeded	
Total Miles to Seed	Miles Completed to Date
272	**179**

For further information, you can contact the Vale District at 541-473-3144 or visit the website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale .

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