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Grizzly Bear Complex Causes Grande Ronde River Closures

Vale, Ore., August 26, 2015 – Due to fire activity from the Grizzly Bear Complex in northern Wallowa County, boating on the Grande Ronde River is not recommended. The fire is close enough to the river so as to create serious risk to anyone attempting to boat, raft or otherwise utilize the river for recreation or other purposes.

The Grizzly Bear Complex is currently nearly 70,000 acres in size and only 10 percent contained. It is being managed by the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Umatilla National Forest. Up to date information on the Grizzly Bear Complex can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4511/>.

In addition, there are campgrounds in the area affected by the fire along the Grande Ronde that are in Evacuation Level 3 status. These areas cannot be entered until the evacuation levels are lowered or the orders rescinded.

Fire restrictions for the entire Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are also in effect.

The current fire restrictions in effect can be found on the Vale BLM website at: http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale/newsroom/files/Fire_Prevention_Order1.pdf.

For updates and more information on the closures, call 541-437-0138

If you see or suspect a wildfire, call the Vale BLM Fire Dispatch Center at 541-473-6295.

For more information on reporting wildfires in Baker County, Malheur County and other areas in eastern Oregon, visit: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale/fire/report-fire.php>.

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