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Vale District Fire Update

Vale, Ore. – The Cherry Road Fire, being fought by the the Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has now grown to an estimated 30,000 acres. The fire is burning in brush and grass approximately 16 miles west of Homedale, Idaho, just two miles east of the Owyhee Reservoir.

Succor Creek State Park is currently under threat.

The Cherry Road Fire, reported at around 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon, was originally estimated to be approximately 3,500 acres in size.

Despite forecasted cooler weather and higher humidity yesterday evening, the fire has continued to grow substantially.

More than 61 sorties were flown Sunday, with nearly 45,000 gallons of retardant dropped on the fire by aircraft from all over eastern Oregon and Idaho.

There are 16 Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) and three helicopters responding; as well as more than 12 engines, 2 water tenders and two bulldozers.

10 engines and three hand crews have also been ordered.

A Type 2 Incident Command Team has been ordered and is expected to take command of the fire Monday evening.

Additionally, the Jordan Valley Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA) is responding along with Malheur County fire resources.

For more information on the fire, visit the inciweb site at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4974/>.

To report suspicious smoke or a wildfire call the Vale BLM Dispatch Center at 541-473-6295.

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