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Beech Creek Fire Update – August 6, 2022

JOHN DAY, PRAIRIE CITY, and HINES, OR – (Saturday, August 6, 2022) Firefighters are taking advantage of favorable weather conditions to increase containment on the Beech Creek Fire. Updated mapping puts the fire at 155 acres with 45% containment. The fire started on the afternoon of August 1st and is located nine miles south of Long Creek. There are no evacuations in place.

On the northern portion of the fire, fire crews are mopping up to increase the depth of containment lines and continue to mitigate hazard trees along Highway 395. All spot fires are fully lined and mopped up. Equipment and falling modules made good progress on direct containment lines on the southern portion of the fire yesterday. Hazard trees are being removed to allow firefighters to safely enter and work in the area to suppress the fire. The contingency line south of the direct primary dozer line is prepared if needed.

Travelers in the area may see smoke as interior pockets of unburned fuel are consumed in the fire. Check road conditions prior to traveling in the area for information on delays or closures. The public can monitor smoke and air quality across the state by visiting:
<http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com>.

The High Desert Type 3 Incident Management Team and Malheur National Forest would like to thank the communities for their support during the duration of this complex incident. Fire updates are aired on KJDY and are posted at Chester's Market, the DinoMart in John Day, and the Chevron station in Mt. Vernon.

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Figure 1. Demonstrates the patchy burn pattern. Forest Service photo by S. Bush



Figure 2. Crews monitoring the containment line. Forest Service photo by S. Bush