

Cow Fire grows to 2,900 acres

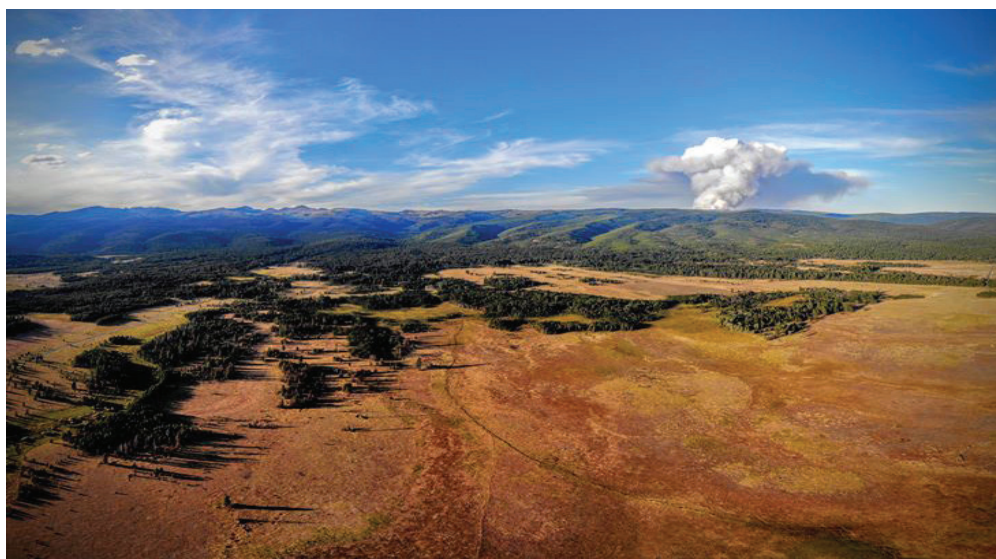
Blue Mountain Eagle

Fire crews continue constructing lines on the Cow Fire 15 miles southeast of Prairie City, which had grown to 2,944 acres as of Tuesday.

A community meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Prairie City Senior Center, according to a press release.

Firefighters continue to use hand and aerial ignitions to reduce surface fuels between the fire's active edge and primary control lines planned for final containment. The tactic, expected to span several days, reduces the intensity of the fire.

The fire reached Forest Road 13 near the Short Creek Guard Station,



The Cow Fire seen from outside Prairie City Aug. 20.

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resulting in a low-intensity burn of surface fuels, enhancing the protection of

the facility.

On the fire's northern flank, hand crews and

heavy equipment are building a control line along the 325 road to tie into an

area where a previous fire reduced vegetation, creating a natural control feature.

Along Forest Road 13, which will serve as the eastern control line, hand crews and logging equipment are strengthening this control line by thinning and chipping brush and dead and downed lodgepole pine.

On the fire's southern flank, crews have completed hand and dozer line west from Forest Road 13 toward Sheep Mountain, tying into another previous fire, and are installing a hose system. These control lines are planned to establish containment of the fire and protect values at risk including a cow camp, the Short Creek Guard Station,

grazing allotments and active timber sales.

Firefighting resources assigned to accomplish these goals include 13 hand crews, eight engines, four dozers, three heavy and one light helicopters, two masticators, and six feller-buncher and skidder teams — a total of 584 people.

Weather forecasts for Wednesday and Thursday bring the potential for increased fire behavior with fuels increasingly susceptible to ignition from spotting.

To protect public and firefighter safety, a closure order is in effect for the vicinity of the 204 Cow Fire and surrounding roads: inciweb.nwecg.gov/incident/6526.

COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Grant County Circuit Court

Taylor M. Woodward, 22, John Day, pleaded guilty Aug. 22 to misdemeanor second-degree theft committed on May 31, 2015. He was sentenced to \$600 in fines and fees. A misdemeanor charge of second-degree failure to appear allegedly committed Sept. 3, 2015, was dismissed Aug. 22.

Ian E.G. Humbird, 23, Canyon City, pleaded guilty Aug. 22 to two misdemeanor counts of harassment constituting domestic violence committed on June 12 and June 15. He was sentenced to 20 days jail, 18 months probation and \$300 in fines and fees. Counts of fourth-degree assault and interference with making a report were dismissed.

Devan J. Haynes, 26, John Day, pleaded guilty June 27 to a felony charge of delivery of methamphetamine committed on March 29, 2018. He was sentenced to 30 days jail, 36 months probation, 80 hours community service and a \$500 fine. Counts of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and being a felon in possession of a restricted weapon were dismissed.

Kassidy L. Williams, 18, Canyon City, pleaded guilty Aug. 22 to first-degree criminal trespass committed on May 19. She was sentenced to five days jail, 18 months probation, 45 hours community service and \$200 in fines and fees.

Felony charges against Tanner J. Prock, 22, John Day, of fraudulent use of a credit card and first-degree theft allegedly committed Sept. 13 were dismissed Aug. 26 after a civil compromise was reached in which the victim agreed to be paid \$2,500 for financial damages.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Aug. 21:

Concealed handgun licenses: 15
Average inmates: 20
Bookings: 14
Releases: 14
Arrests: 3
Citations: 0
Fingerprints: 1
Civil papers: 12
Warrants processed: 4
Asst./welfare check: 0
Search and rescue: 0

Justice Court

• Violation of basic rule: Mary Ann M. Gill, 54, Kelowna, British Columbia, Aug. 7, 84/55 zone, fined \$265; Anton Abben, 73, Ashland, June 17, 76/55 zone, fined \$265; Benjamin L. Gates, 66, Endricks, Minnesota, Aug. 3, 77/55 zone, fined \$165; David Kendall, 63, Cornelius, Aug. 10, 84/65 zone, fined \$160; Thea L. Ensign, 29, John Day, Aug. 15, 68/55 zone, fined \$125; William R. Brignon, 42, Corbett, Aug. 17, fined \$165; Dan'l R. Koch, 50, Redmond, Aug. 8, 70/55 zone,

Abougoush, 59, Kelowna, British Columbia, Aug. 7, 84/55 zone, fined \$265.

• Exceeding speed limit: Robert G. Bender, 71, Albany, Aug. 4, 78/65 zone, fined \$265; Jesus Lepez Castillo, 77, Kimberly, Aug. 15, 56/45 zone, fined \$165; Kyle M. McGregor, 33, Klamath Falls, Aug. 4, 82/65 zone, fined \$225; Kevin M. Campanella, 41, Naples, Florida, Aug. 4, 84/65 zone, fined \$265; Cristian M. Elias, 25, Houston, Texas, Aug. 2, 76/65 zone, fined \$165; David J. McKay, 74, Bend, Aug. 3, 65/35 zone, fined \$165.

• Violation speed limit: Donald J. Baxter Jr., 63, Redmond, July 26, 65/45 zone, fined \$165.

• Driving uninsured: Steven M. Warrington, 29, John Day, July 18, fined \$265.

• Driving while suspended: Steven M. Warrington, 29, John Day, July 18, fined \$440.

• Failure to obey traffic control device: Pamela Robin Sass, 61, Mt. Vernon, fined \$265.

• No Oregon operator's license: Bradley P. Hill, 34, Portland, June 24, fined \$265.

• Open container of alcohol: Jason R. Love, 35, Jefferson, Georgia, July 28, fined \$265.

• Monty G. Smith, 44, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty Aug. 21 to harassment. He was sentenced to 120 hours jail, 18 months probation, 30 hours community service and \$200 in fines and fees.

Oregon State Police

Aug. 15: Responded to a single-vehicle nonin-

jury crash on Highway 395 near Beech Creek summit. A northbound Toyota 4Runner with one occupant hit a deer at 60 mph. The airbags deployed so the driver couldn't see and the vehicle left the shoulder.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 137 calls during the week of Aug. 19-25, including:

• John Day Police Department

Aug. 19: Responded to a person under the Bridge Street bridge in John Day.

Aug. 19: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a dispute report.

Aug. 19: Responded to a dog bite report from Hillcrest Road in John Day.

Aug. 19: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a dispute report.

Aug. 21: Following a traffic stop at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day, Tanner Prock, 22, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and uninsured.

Aug. 22: Advised of a felon in possession of a weapon in John Day.

Aug. 23: Responded to Brent Drive in John Day for a theft report.

Aug. 24: Advised of trespassing at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

Aug. 25: Responded to a bar on Main Street in John Day for a fight.

• Oregon State Police

Aug. 23: Advised that a truck hit an elk on Highway 26 west of Dayville.

Aug. 24: Received a

report of people harassing wildlife in the Silvies River area.

Aug. 25: Advised of a noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Austin Junction.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Aug. 19: Advised of a domestic incident on North Washington Street in Prairie City.

Aug. 19: Received a theft report from a cafe in Canyon City.

Aug. 19: Advised of harassment at a convenience store in Prairie City.

Aug. 20: Received a juvenile problem report for North Humbolt Street in Canyon City.

Aug. 20: Advised of a dispute at an apartment on Main Street in Prairie City.

Aug. 21: Received a report of an intoxicated person at Depot Park in Prairie City.

Aug. 21: Advised of harassment on West 12th Street in Prairie City.

Aug. 21: Received a report of shots fired on Miller Lane in John Day.

Aug. 22: Advised of shots fired on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

Aug. 22: Received a child neglect report from Patterson Drive in Canyon City.

Aug. 24: Advised of an unwanted person on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

Aug. 25: Received a restraining order violation report from Summit Prairie Road in Prairie City.

Aug. 25: Advised of harassment on Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon.

• John Day ambulance
Aug. 19: Responded to South Humbolt Street in

Canyon City for a 52-year-old man who had collapsed.

Aug. 19: Dispatched with Dayville fire to Ervin Street in Dayville for an elderly man with chest pain.

Aug. 19: Responded to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a woman with a possible broken foot.

Aug. 20: Dispatched to Highway 26 west of Dayville for an 88-year-old man with difficulty breathing and chest pains.

Aug. 21: Paged to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a 64-year-old man who couldn't sleep.

Aug. 22: Responded to a senior home in John Day for an 86-year-old woman who was dizzy and had difficulty breathing.

Aug. 22: Transported a patient to a hospital in Bend.

Aug. 23: Dispatched to a thrift store on Canton Street in John Day for a woman who had fallen.

Aug. 24: Responded with Long Creek ambulance to Second and Bradley streets in Long Creek for a 9-year-old child with a compound fracture.

Aug. 24: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a 64-year-old man with chest pain.

Aug. 24: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Aug. 25: Responded to Northeast Seventh Street in John Day for an 86-year-old woman with weakness and general malaise.

Aug. 25: Dispatched with Dayville ambulance to South Fork Road in Dayville for a 55-year-old man having

seizures.

• Grant County Probation and Parole

Aug. 19: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

• Forest Service

Aug. 19: Advised of a smoke plume in the Crane Creek area south of the Strawberry Range.

Aug. 20: Received a report of a possible forest fire around Strawberry Mountain.

Aug. 23: Advised of a missing motorist in Harney County.

Aug. 23: Received a report of a fire in the Indian Rock area off Middle Fork Lane near Greenhorn.

Aug. 24: Advised of a fire seen northeast of Seneca on the north side of the Strawberry Range.

• John Day fire

Aug. 22: Paged for a fire alarm at the hospital in John Day.

Aug. 22: With Prairie City fire, located a vehicle with a smoking tire in the Pine Creek area. The owner was advised.

Aug. 22: Received a report of a vehicle with a smoking tire. A caller on Southeast Dayton Street in John Day called about the smell.

Aug. 23: Responded to a residential fire alarm at an apartment on East Main Street in John Day.

• Oregon Department of Transportation

Aug. 23: Advised with Oregon Trail Electrical Cooperative about a downed power line near La Costa Drive and Highway 26.



Jenelle Moulton
Canyon City, Oregon

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