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- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

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Vinegar Fire

Start date: 8/12/13 20:31	Cause: Lightning	Estimated Size: 1,161 acres	% Contained: 10%	# of Firefighters: 537
Injuries to date None	Estimated Containment: 8/30/13	Closures/Evacuations: Level I evacuation notification for Greenhorn and Alamo.	# of 20-person hand crews: 12	# of helicopters: 3

The Vinegar Fire is located approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Granite, Oregon. It is burning in the Greenhorn Unit of the North Fork John Day Wilderness Area. There are 537 people assigned to work on the fire.

Significant progress has been made in the past few days in securing and improving containment lines. Crews and equipment no longer needed to meet mission objectives will be released and possibly reassigned to other fires. Much of the heavy equipment, such as road graders and chippers that have finished their work will be will demobilized today. Crews are taking advantage of the recent rains and are continuing to construct fire lines near the fire front where it is safe. Fire managers will continue to monitor for possible new fire starts and provide for initial attack support.

Today, there is a Red Flag Warning for thunderstorms with abundant lightning in effect through 11:00 p.m. This could cause erratic winds in isolated areas of the fire. Starting tomorrow and for the next few days, a warming and drying trend is predicted. Breezy to locally windy southwest winds are expected Monday, with lighter winds Tuesday and Wednesday.

Road and areas closures remain in effect. The communities of Greenhorn and Alamo remain under a Level 1 evacuation notice.

For more information please contact the Fire Information Line at (541) 755-9003. For detailed information on the fire including maps and photos please visit:

<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3645/> or <http://vinegarfire.blogspot.com/>