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NW Incident Management Team 7

Joseph Canyon and Dry Creek Fires

June 9, 2021

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For Immediate Release

Incident Commander: Jason Loomis, Northwest Team 7

Enterprise, Oregon -The objective for both the Joseph Canyon and Dry Creek fires is to limit the duration and size while accounting for firefighter safety. Securing and mopping up continues on the fires with fire crews and equipment being released to adjust the fire organization for the current fire situation.

NW Team 7 is anticipating a long and busy fire season. The emphasis is to not only minimize fire size and duration but also manage early season fatigue for all crew and management team members. Demobilization of resources continues today as conditions have moderated and suppression actions have been successful.

Joseph Canyon Fire - **Start Date:** June 3-4, 2021 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 7,610 acres **Containment:** 60%

Location: 23 miles southwest of Lewiston, ID.

Status: The Joseph Canyon fire received 5 hours of precipitation yesterday, significantly dampening any remaining hot spots. Firefighting resources will continue to demobilize today in line with changing weather conditions.

Dry Creek Fire - **Start Date:** June 3-4, 2021 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 1,564 acres

Containment: 60%

Location: The Dry Creek Fire is located in a remote and rugged part of Hells Canyon, northeast of Joseph, OR.

Status: Crews continue to mop up any observed hot spots. Ongoing monitoring of areas less accessible to firefighting resources continues.

Weather: Today will start out mostly cloudy with cooler than normal temperatures. A high chance of rain is likely Wednesday. Isolated thunderstorms are possible. Winds will be north-northwest 5-10 mph.

Evacuations: There are currently no evacuation orders associated with the Joseph Canyon and Dry Creek fires.

Closures: The Nez Perce Tribe has temporarily closed the Precious Lands Wildlife Management Area in Northeastern Oregon: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/7513/59633/>

Fire Season Declared: Oregon Department of Forestry's Northeast Oregon District proclaimed that they would go into fire season beginning Wednesday, June 9th at 12:01 a.m. They have new fire restriction signs located throughout the district, with a Fire Prevention information line; (541) 975-3027 and a QR code which will take you to www.bmidc.org, for current information on fire restrictions.

Prevention Message: Protect your property, friends, and family – prevent wildfires.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Size:	Joseph Canyon 7,610 acres Dry Creek 1,564 acres
Fire Containment:	Joseph Canyon 60% Dry Creek 60%
Incident Commander:	Jason Loomis
Resources on the fires:	Crews: 9 Helicopters: 5 Engines: 3
Total Personnel:	316
Jurisdiction:	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Vale District Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, Washington Department of Natural Resources
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