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To protect Upper Deschutes River Communities by restoring and sustaining healthy fire-resistant forests, pure and abundant river flows and wildlife habitat.

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President's Message – FIREFREE!

Hi Everyone,

Please take time to read the press release from the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District on the Burgess Road Fire. FireWise works!

Have a safe and FireFree day.

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PRESS RELEASE

May 6, 2013 2PM

Burgess Road Fire caused by high winds and power lines – The rapidly spreading wildfire contained by FireWise pretreatments and efforts from La Pine and Central Oregon Firefighters – which they had just practiced two weeks prior.

On Saturday May 4, 2013 the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District firefighters were scrambling to respond to sixteen (16) brush and tree fires within the 5-hour period from 10:44 am to 3:58 pm. All were caused by high winds, coming from an unusual easterly direction, toppling trees into power lines.

The Burgess Road Fire was by far the largest at 168 acres. Investigators have made a preliminary determination that a tree had fallen on a power line near the Rosland Elementary School on Burgess Road and in which the current then had shorted to the secondary communications lines blowing a nearby communications vault off it's pedestal in a shower of sparks and igniting the fire at about 1:56 PM.

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The strong gusty winds quickly drove the fire from Burgess Road to Huntington Road and toward downtown La Pine and the Crescent Creek subdivision. Thirty one (31) La Pine Firefighters responded in 11 fire apparatus.

Assistance was provided by Sunriver Fire, Crescent Fire, and Walker Range, Oregon Dept of Forestry, US Forest Service, BLM, Cloverdale Fire, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire, Black Butte Ranch Fire, Crooked River Ranch Fire, Redmond Fire, and Jefferson County Fire.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office coordinated emergency evacuations of the Crescent Creek and Huntington Road neighborhoods, as well as, coordinated road closures with the Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Highways and the Sheriff's Search and Rescue group.

The American Red Cross opened an evacuation shelter at the LaPine Parks & Recreation Event Center and the Bend - LaPine School District made the Rosland School available for command and firefighter staging. Deschutes County offices of Emergency Management and Forestry also provide incident command support.

The Deschutes County FireWise program had performed a fuel reduction and pretreatment work on this large La Pine forest parcel in 2005 as it was in the center of the community. This significantly reduced the fire behavior that allowed firefighters to protect structures and eventually contain the fire.

Just two weeks prior on April 20, the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District had an all day exercise and drill simulation of a wild fire threatening the District's Newberry neighborhood. Saturdays fire incident was almost to a letter of what was predicted and practiced for with the exception of location (a mile off) and the unusual wind direction.

The recent practice, along with close cooperation from multiple Central Oregon agencies helped lead to a successful outcome where no civilians or firefighters were hurt, no structures lost and the fire was contained within six hours, and area residents were allowed to return safely to their homes.

Oregon Department of Forestry assumed fire watch and mop up. ODOF crews will have mop up completed by the end of Monday, April 6th and will continue to provide fire watch patrols over the next few days to assure complete extinguishment.

Photos (9):



John Moore

2013 Meeting Schedule:

www.udrc.org
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Please attend our Board and Partner meetings at the Sunriver Public Library at 12:30 p.m. on:

Next meeting is May 21st.

Communities represented by the Upper Deschutes River Coalition:

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Wild River Assn.

Wind driven ground fire with low to moderate tree torching



Initial La Pine Units protecting Rosland School



LaPine Firefighter deploying hose to protect structures



Firefighters Protecting Rosland School



La Pine Operations Officer Caption Young Coordinating with USFS Firefighters



USFS Firefighters battle flames from dozer line



Incident Commander La Pine Chief Supkis briefs Redmond's Fire Chief Moor and Black Butte's Chief Tucker



Fire Crews at Rosland school rehab



Fire Apparatus Staging at Rosland School

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