



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 7-3-04

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	3	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	M
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	L
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	2	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	VH

BAKER RA:

No new fires.
 Forecasted BI/ERC: 17/43

MALHEUR RA:

No new fires.
 Forecasted BI: 43

JORDAN RA:

No new fires.
 Forecasted BI: 27

COMMENTS:

8 SRV Crews available.
1 SRV Crew on the Crater Fire South of Burns, OR
7 SRV Crews on the Hopkins Canyon Fire near Omak, WA.
E-628 assigned to Farmington Severity in New Mexico.
Type 3 Helicopter (60P) is ready for I.A.
Type 2 Helicopter 60EH, on the Hopkins Canyon Fire.
1 (THSP) went to the GACC Support in Alaska
1 (EDSDt) went to the Pot Peak fire in Washington.
1 (COSTt) went to the Verdi Complex in Nevada.

WEATHER:

Vale Weather:

Mostly Sunny until 1200 then Partly Cloudy. Isolated Thunderstorms after 1200
 Temp's 73-82 except 81-89 below 4500 feet. RH's 19-29%.Valley winds W 8-12 mph
 Ridges W 12-18 mph, Haines index 3 (very low). LAL 1 until 1200 then 2.

Baker Weather:

Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Temp's 79-86 except 70-80
 ridges. RH's 27-36 % except 31-41% ridges. Valley NW winds 3-8 mph, Ridges NW 4-9 mph
 Haines index 3 (very low) LAL 2

DEFINITIONS:

***LAL (Lightning Activity Level)* : A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.**

***Haines Index* : A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.**