

Prineville mobile home outside of fire district boundary destroyed

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PRINEVILLE, Ore. — A single-wide mobile home that caught fire in a Prineville, Oregon subdivision located outside of fire district boundaries was completely destroyed Wednesday even though the property owner and several neighbors attempted to fight the blaze, authorities reported.

According to a news release prepared by Crook County Undersheriff Jim Hensley and Deputy Brad Wright, deputies responded to a reported residential fire south of Prineville on Oak Lane about 11:30 a.m., May 7.

The single-wide mobile home valued at \$10,000 — was a total loss, Hensley said. Aaron Wuthrich, the property owner, and neighbors successfully extinguished spot fires in the sagebrush and surrounding juniper trees within an hour.

Because the Juniper Acres subdivision doesn't lie within the boundaries of any fire district, no fire department responded and the trailer and its contents were destroyed.

“The cause of the fire is still under investigation,” the undersheriff stated.

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