

Human-caused wildland fire burns two acres near La Pine

by Cheryl McDermott

Firefighters expected to contain a two-acre human-caused wildland fire last night. The fire began during the noon hour on Tuesday, two miles north of La Pine State Park in the Deschutes National Forest west of the Deschutes River, officials said.

According to Incident Commander Shane Robson, following excellent progress made during the afternoon, the "Forest Lane Fire" was expected to be contained by 9 p.m. last night.

The fire has been determined to be "human caused", and remains under investigation.

Firefighters established a "wet line" around the burning area, and cut a "hand line" in an effort to fully contain the blaze.

Resources responding included two US Forest Service engines, three Oregon Department of Forestry engines, and the La Pine and Sunriver Fire Departments. The Prineville Interagency Hotshot Crew and a fire investigator also responded.

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