

Damaged antenna wire sparks roof fire in Bend home

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An alert passerby who noticed a fire burning the wood shingle roof of a home in south Bend Wednesday afternoon alerted the homeowner who was able to douse it with a garden hose and keep it from spreading before firefighters arrived and extinguished the blaze, officials reported.

Bend firefighters responded to the single-story home of George Morton at 60818 Granite Drive about 3:20 p.m., May 30, Captain Jeff Dufour wrote in a news release. Crews completely extinguished the fire and removed burning material from the roof.

Inspectors determined that the fire began when a damaged antenna wire caused an electrical arc.

A small area of the roof was affected, Dufour said, estimating \$5,000 in damage to the \$300,000 structure.

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