



PRESS RELEASE

City of La Pine Recognizes Agency Partners in Response to Wildfire

La Pine, OR, July 24, 2025: At approximately 2:30 p.m. July, 23rd, 2025, the Jolene Fire broke out on BLM land adjacent to the City of La Pine. Due to the quick response of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, the blaze was contained and then mitigated by assistance from La Pine Rural Fire Protection District, and wildland firefighting dispatch from the United States Forest Service.

Led by Lieutenant Joshua Spano, DCSO deputies Jon Ebner, Evan Kennedy, and Trey Plamondon were able to use fire extinguishers and shovels to cut lines and establish suppression until firefighting units were on scene. This one-acre incident was reduced from growing into a larger event due to the immediate actions of Lieutenant Spano and his team.

This is the fourth such incident to take place on BLM land during the 2025 summer season adjacent to the City of La Pine, and the City Council of La Pine has requested as of May 28, 2025, increased resources and advocacy from the Prineville District BLM office in matters pertaining to wildfire on BLM property.

The City of La Pine would like to commend the DCSO and responding agency partners for their commitment to public safety and the citizens of the La Pine area.

More information can be found at: www.lapineoregon.gov