Chuck,

Here are the facts of the Moon Hill prescribed Burn.

On Sept 14, 2014 the BLM started a prescribed burn directly behind the Hammonds home and ranch. They had armed federal agents there to protect the workers from the Hammonds (ridiculous). They intended to burn 6000 acres.

The entire state of Oregon was in a red flag warning at the time with forecasts to continue into the next week. Large wild fires were burning all over western Oregon. They started the fire anyway.

On the 16th of Sept the fire blew up and headed North East and South East. Google Earth historical fire intensity maps show the day by day progression of the fire.

Also on Sept 16th dry lightning storms traveled through the area and started the South Steens Complex fire which burned over 20,000 acres in two weeks.

My cabin was directly in the middle of the two fires. I was staying on the mountain at the time and I monitored the progress and size of the fires multiple times a day for the entire time.

The Moon Hill prescribed burn on Google Earth had a similar area impacted based on the aerial view and it was burning at the same time.

The BLM never reported the fire had burned more than the 6155 acres as planned. However, the fire burned intensely for 10 days and as mentioned had the same aerial footprint as the South Steens Complex Fire 20,000 acres.

I’m sure no one was charged with arson for the fire being started during red flag conditions or because the fire got away from them burned more land than was intended.

It’s ok for them to do, but not anybody else.

Ruthie