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LARCH CREEK PRESS RELEASE

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We have now surpassed two weeks since Larch Creek fire started. There have been many inquiries into more information regarding the start of the Larch Creek Fire and what is happening with the investigation. The fire, while over 80 percent contained, is still active and a criminal investigation is ongoing. The fire was determined to be human caused very early in the investigation, but details beyond this are still being verified.

The investigation is being led by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) wildfire investigators. The United States Forest Service and the Wasco County Sheriff's Office are assisting. These investigations can be tedious, complex, require meticulous attention to detail and often take a long time to complete.

The Sheriff's Office has been proactively assessing the situation with the Wasco County District Attorney's Office as information has become available. At the completion of the investigation, the Sheriff's Office and the Wasco County District Attorney's Office will review the findings and determine whether or not and what criminal charges will be filed.

Sheriff Magill