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**Fire fighters battle barn fire on Cooper Mountain**

A barn fire at the Beaverton Hilltop Kennels and Stables (204th and Farmington Road) was controlled this afternoon, but not before it threatened to spread to an adjacent forested area that is bordered by subdivisions.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Aloha Station (209th & Blanton) arrived within five minutes of the 9-1-1 call (just after 4 p.m.) and found the barn fully involved in flames. The lack of fire hydrants and concerns about the fire spreading to the adjacent woods and steep terrain prompted a second alarm.

Firefighters from TVF&R and Hillsboro Fire had the barn fire controlled within 20 minutes. They then moved into the woods and knocked down flames that had spread into the trees. Teams of firefighters worked then through this heavily forested area to extinguish all remaining hot spots. This activity continued for approximately an hour.

Two employees of Hilltop Kennel and Stables initially tried to control the fire, but were beaten back by the heat. There were no injuries.

Investigators with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and TVF&R are following up with several juveniles about their possible involvement with the fire.

The 40-acre Hilltop Kennel and Stable site was first developed as a peach orchard in the early 1900s and today is ringed by an apartment complex and subdivisions. Had conditions been a little drier and the wind blowing harder, this fire could have been much more severe. Those very types of conditions are forecast for the coming weekend. TVF&R urges homeowners in areas that border natural open space to be particularly vigilant. For more information, go to [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com)

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