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Three firefighters burned Tuesday night fighting the Poe Cabin Fire roughly 23 miles southwest of White Bird, Idaho, have been released from the hospital.

The three women, part of the La Grande, Ore., Hot Shots, were injured while setting a back burn in an effort to halt the 56,462-acre fire by reducing the fuel available to burn. The incident occurred in the area of Dutch Oven Ridge on the southeast portion of the Poe Cabin Fire near Riggins.

A fire spokesman said the three would be transported back to their home base in La Grande.

On Tuesday, the women were flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after they were burned by the radiant heat of the fire, not the flames themselves. The back burn flared up when a passing thunderstorm sent gusts of wind into the area intensifying the heat of the blaze. Fire officials say they did not deploy their emergency fire shelters because there was no threat of the fire burning over them.

There are 528 people assigned to the fire that as of this morning was 83 percent contained.

Last week, five firefighters were injured, though none seriously, in a vehicle crash while returning to fire camp from the Middle Fork Complex Fire northeast of Garden Valley in the Boise National Forest.