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## Wildfire blackens about 1 1/2 acres

A wildfire Sunday afternoon blackened about 1 1/2 acres of grass, bushes and trees behind the residence at 4850 Cavendish Highway, just above Hall Rd., according to Sunnyside Rural Fire District Captain Chris Goetz.

It was most likely caused by bottle rockets, such as one found in the area of the fire, Goetz said. Bottle rockets are a type of firework that goes into the air and explodes. After talking to witnesses, it is unlikely they will be able to charge anyone in the case, he added.

The residence is rented by Mark Crawford and a wedding was going on at the time the blaze was noticed. Those at the wedding fought the fire with garden hoses until fire fighters arrived.

Goetz said fire fighters from Sunnyside, Orofino Fire Department and Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association (CPTPA) were able to stop the fire before it reached the power line or crossed the road where a new log home is being built by the owner of the property.

There were no injuries and no structures were damaged. CPTPA completed mop of the fire.

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