

OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wildfire Recovery Update

November 13, 2020

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with state and federal partners, distributes this update of collated and verified information on Oregon's wildfire recovery efforts.

Federal and state team formed to evaluate erosion threats

Oregon state agencies, federal and local partners formed a team to evaluate erosion threats and risks on public and private lands that were impacted by wildfires. When fire burns across the landscape, it can change the way the soils drain, making it prone to sudden landslides, debris flow and flooding. The Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Team (ETART) will present their findings and results so the state can quickly prioritize funding and resources to reduce these risks and dangers. As the rainy season begins, it's important to ensure safety in these areas before recovery and rebuilding efforts take place. The studies are expected to be finished by the end of November and findings will be shared with the public. For more information, visit the Fact Sheet:

https://cdn.govstatus.site/292940cb8150d14a088fec0c14e65a64fc25a514/NCRRTF_ETART_FACTSHEET_20201106.pdf

HUMAN IMPACTS

Confirmed fatalities: **9**Source: Oregon State Medical Examiner

Missing persons: 1

Source: Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS)

Sheltered persons: 1,042

Non-Congregate: 1,095Source: American Red Cross

Individual Assistance Registrants:

24,613

Assistance Approved: \$25.68 million

*Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency; Total registration count may vary on account of applications under review for potential fraud.

DAILY STATS

Acres burned (approx.): 1.2 million

Source: Oregon Department of Forestry

Residences destroyed: 4,026

Source: OEM Planning Section

Be prepared for wintery weather

The National Weather Service is forecasting a dynamic fall weather system expected to bring heavy rain, gusty winds and snow to the Cascades. This could mean floods, landslides, downed trees and power lines, especially in areas impacted by recent wildfires.

As Oregonians, we strive to be 2 Weeks

Ready - that is having a "go kit" at home, at work and in the car, and having a conversation with family members about what to do and where to meet in case of a disaster or other emergency. Stay alert; be in tune with TV, radio or other resources to keep abreast of weather status. Travel only if necessary and do so with caution. If officials tell you to evacuate, do it. For more information on hazards in Oregon and ways to be prepared, visit

oregon.gov/OEM/hazardsprep/Pages/default.aspx.



Talent, Ore. - September 19 2020. Photo by David Yost/FEMA

SIGN UP FOR ASSISTANCE!



www.DisasterAssistance.gov

Individual Assistance (IA) is available to people impacted by fires in Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, and Marion counties. **The deadline to apply for IA with FEMA is November 16, 2020.**

Oregon homeowners and renters who registered for FEMA disaster assistance for help after wildfires should stay in touch with FEMA to ensure the disaster assistance process stays on track. Survivors should update contact information as soon as possible as FEMA may need to reach them to perform virtual home inspections or get additional information.

FEMA Approves Lincoln County for Oregon Direct Temporary Housing Solutions

- FEMA has approved the addition of Lincoln County to its Direct Temporary Housing solutions program. Previously approved counties include Jackson, Linn and Marion.
- The FEMA housing mission in Oregon addresses the shortage of available housing in the designated four counties, providing a bridge to eligible applicants as they develop a long-term housing strategy.
- To be eligible for Direct Temporary Housing assistance,
 Oregon wildfire survivors must be registered with FEMA and
 reside in a county designated for Individual Assistance and
 approved for Direct Temporary Housing. Damage must be
 to the primary residence as a result of the September
 wildfires.
- Eligibility will be determined after survivors apply for assistance, which can be done by visiting <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>, checking the <u>FEMA mobile app</u> or calling 800-621-3362 or (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (Press 2 for Spanish).
- If rental assistance or minor repair money enables a household to return home, survivors may not be eligible for further housing assistance. Eligibility will be determined after survivors apply for assistance



Lincoln County, Ore. - Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Jeff Markham/FEMA

INFORMATION RESOURCES

Active Recovery Dashboard
Oregon Wildfire News
Sign up for Individual Assistance
Emergency management websites by county
Oregon Insurance Commissioner

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