



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Wildfire Recovery Update

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.

FEMA Temporary Housing comes to Linn, Marion Counties

Working to keep wildfire survivors as close as possible to their communities, schools and places of worship, FEMA's Direct Temporary Housing provides vital support for families in need.

FEMA has begun site construction for the placement of temporary housing units for qualified survivor families from Linn and Marion counties. The new site in Mill City is expected to accommodate up to 16 units. In addition to Linn and Marion counties, this mission is providing temporary housing to qualified disaster survivors in Jackson and Lincoln counties. To date, 47 Jackson County families have been placed in temporary housing units in commercial parks and at one group site - similar to the one now under construction in Mill City.

While there are currently 250 survivor families approved to receive FEMA Direct Temporary Housing, this number fluctuates as many households find alternate housing on their own. Direct Temporary Housing is provided to survivors for up to 18 months from the date of the disaster declaration (until March 2022).

HUMAN IMPACTS

Sheltered persons: **1,024**

Source: American Red Cross & Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: **154**

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Individual Assistance Registrants:
25,227

Amount Approved: **\$32.2 million**

*Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency;
Total registration count may vary due to applications pending review.

Parcels cleared of
hazardous waste: **2,085**

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

Wildfire damage payments for forest landowners

Forest landowners in 13 fire-stricken Oregon counties have until Jan. 30, 2021 to apply for wildfire damage assistance. This funding from the federal Emergency Forest Restoration Program can help with replanting and restoration efforts vital to Oregon's wildfire recovery.

Affected counties include Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Tillamook, Washington and Wasco.

For more information or to apply, visit farmers.gov/recover.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 13

Federal funding is available to local, tribal governments, state agencies, special districts and certain private nonprofit organizations in designated areas for emergency work and the repair or replacement of public facilities damaged by wildfires that occurred in Oregon Sept. 7 – Nov. 3, 2020. The deadline to Request Public Assistance (RPA) has been extended to January 13, 2021.

Eligible Applicants (see above) that incurred costs for response activities and/or sustained facility damage as a direct result of the September wildfires can apply in the following counties: Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington, Wasco and Yamhill.

Eligible applicants may apply directly through the FEMA Grants Portal. If your agency is already registered in FEMA Grants Portal, submit an RPA directly at grantee.fema.gov. If you are unable to access FEMA Grants Portal or need assistance in creating Public Assistance Grants Portal user account, contact Public Assistance Grants Assistant Selicity Icefire at 503-378-3934 or selicity.icefire@state.or.us.

Challenging weather doesn't impede hazard tree and debris cleanup work

As winter weather rolls in with reports [from the National Weather Service](#) indicating strong winds and rain, Oregonians are urged to take extra caution due to wildfire impacts on the landscape. Remaining ash and debris in burn scars pose hazards, especially during inclement weather.

Step 2 debris removal has begun with teams engaging in tree-related work. After marking thousands of trees and staging heavy equipment, cleanup work is ramping up across the state, including heavy debris removal and soil testing. Travelers should also be aware of potential delays as contract crews continue their work.

Visit wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup to access the questionnaire, view a map of Step 2 progress and learn more about the process.

Questions? Contact odot.wildfire@odot.state.or.us or call the Debris Taskforce hotline at 503-934-1700.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active Recovery Dashboard](#)
[Oregon Wildfire News](#)
[Emergency management websites by county](#)
[Oregon Insurance Commission](#)

Donation Opportunities

[American Red Cross](#)
[Team Rubicon](#)
[Salvation Army](#)
[Northwest Baptist Disaster Relief](#)
[Wildland Firefighters Fund](#)
[Oregon Food Bank](#)
[Oregon Humane Society](#)
[Oregon Community Foundation](#)

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