



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.

Continue to work with FEMA if your application was denied

The recovery process can seem overwhelming. If you applied for FEMA benefits, it is important to stay in touch with FEMA. If you were declined, you may be able to correct the reasons for ineligibility. Applicants could potentially have been ineligible for up to twelve different types of assistance; each type has its own set of requirements for eligibility. Missing or incorrect information could result in denial such as proving home ownership or missing documents. A list of contacts to replace documents is available [online](#). Don't reapply for assistance as duplicate applications may need to be reviewed as possible fraud.

Currently, the eligibility rate for the 2020 Oregon wildfires is at 15 percent due to an estimated 8,911 potentially fraudulent registrations. Excluding fraud, the eligibility rate rises to an average 31 percent, which is more in line with other recent fire disasters nationally.

Most importantly, stay in touch with FEMA: Visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov); download the FEMA app; or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

HUMAN IMPACTS

Sheltered persons: **1,153**

Source: American Red Cross & Oregon Department of Human Services

Households in Direct Housing: **98**

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Individual Assistance Registrants:
25,251

Amount Approved: **\$34.4 million**

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

Parcels cleared of
hazardous waste: **2,285**

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

Construction of temporary housing site underway in Lincoln Co.

Construction is underway on a site where temporary housing units will be provided to qualified wildfire survivor families in Lincoln County. Once completed, the new site in Lincoln City is expected to hold up to 21 FEMA temporary housing units.

In addition to Lincoln County, FEMA's Direct Housing mission is providing temporary housing units to qualified disaster survivors in Jackson, Lane, Linn and Marion counties. To date, 98 families have been placed in temporary housing units in commercial parks and two group sites built by FEMA.

As much as possible, FEMA works to keep survivors close to their communities, schools and places of worship. Direct Temporary Housing is provided to survivors for up to 18 months from the date of the disaster declaration (until March 2022).

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Media inquiries
fire.info@state.or.us
503-378-7872

HELP WITH FOOD AND COUNSELING IS AVAILABLE

If you are an Oregonian experiencing food scarcity and are in need of emergency food, the Oregon Food Bank works with a cooperative, statewide network of partner agencies to distribute food to hungry people.

The Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) assists with food programs by supporting a variety of nutritional and educational programs that are operated through Oregon Food Bank's statewide network of 21 regional food banks. For more information, go to Oregon.gov/dhs/assistance/food-benefits/pages/food-resources.aspx.

Help is also available for Oregonians in need of counseling assistance. The Safe+Strong Helpline is available for both children and adults who are struggling with stress, anxiety or other disaster-related depression-like symptoms. For help, call 800-923-4357 or visit safestrongoregon.org/mental-emotional-health. This is a free service provided by the Oregon Health Authority and Portland-based nonprofit agency Lines for Life.

Lines of Life, a FEMA-funded outreach program, is designed to connect individuals with compassionate assistance and resources such as housing/shelter support, food assistance, legal assistance, transportation, small business relief, and more. These services are free, confidential, and have no eligibility criteria - anyone who needs support, gets support. To connect with a member of their team, call 971-420-1028 for English, 971-420-1018 for Spanish, or email at FEMAhelp@linesforlife.org.

Coordinated efforts with FEMA for state recovery

In the wake of one of the most widespread wildfire disasters in state history, local, state and federal agencies are working together to assist in Oregon's recovery. This collaboration of efforts, known as Interagency Recovery Coordination, helps to align resources for effective and efficient long-term recovery.

The Oregon Disaster Recovery Plan organizes state and federal partners into a single integrated strategic recovery team so that federal assets are aligned with state and local recovery objectives. This enables local communities to access state and federal programs equally and ensures the government does not waste time or money duplicating efforts. Recovery operations are organized into seven State Recovery Functions (SRF) to coordinate the functional areas of assistance: Community Planning and Capacity Building; Economic Recovery; Health Services; Social Services; Housing; Infrastructure Systems; and Natural and Cultural Resources. Each SRF is led by a designated state agency and supported by multiple state and federal partner agencies.

Based on the National Disaster Recovery Framework, the Oregon Disaster Recovery Plan was signed by Governor Brown in 2018 and assigns overall coordination of disaster recovery to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

NOTE: This publication is released every Wednesday.

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This news release is available in Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese on the [Oregon Wildfire Recovery Website: Oregon Wildfire Recovery - Media Resources](#). For other languages, large print, braille or other format, contact David Cardona, OEM Language Access Coordinator, at 971-719-1183 or email david.cardona@state.or.us. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

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