

# Weekly Watch



June 7, 2021

## WEEKLY VIDEO



## Message from the Director

As the smoke cleared from last year's devastating wildfires, communities were confronted by destruction and loss. Swaths of dead trees were blocking roads, towering and toppling over highways, threatening public safety, and interfering with cleanup efforts. Oregon's wildfire recovery goals continue to balance life and safety while prioritizing access for survivors working to rebuild as we restore and recover the state's infrastructure and natural and cultural resources. Hazard tree removal is a top priority – these dead, dying or fire-weakened trees can fall onto roadways, properties and recreation areas where people travel, live or gather. In this week's video, certified arborists, foresters and leadership from our partners at ODOT explain the evaluation process and criteria utilized to assess each individual tree in the fire-affected areas. We continue to be impressed by the collaboration and partnership among federal, state, public and private partners striving to balance risk reduction with preserving our state's natural landscape.

*Take care of yourselves, and take care of each other.*

Andrew Phelps, Director  
Oregon Office of Emergency Management

## FISCAL MATTERS

Federal share of disaster funds obligated to be spent in Oregon

\$ 1,212,556

Umatilla Floods

\$ 307,571,047

COVID-19

\$ 165,995,001

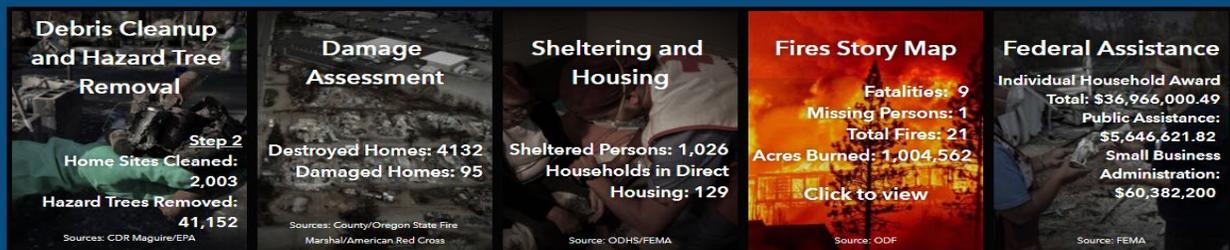
Wildfires

## News Update June 1-4

State officials [urge Oregonians to prepare](#) for fire season as [more fires spark](#) amid [hot and dry conditions](#). [Firefighters made progress](#) on containing [multiple wildfires](#). [Drought continues](#) to [impact communities](#) across the state. [Department of Human Services](#) continues to work with [wildfire survivors](#) on [temporary housing](#) plans. Governor Brown updates [COVID risk levels](#) and state [reopening plans](#). [Childcare is a struggle](#) for Oregon [job seekers](#). Oregon State Hospital will receive [staffing support from the Oregon National Guard](#). [Search and rescues](#) are on the rise in Oregon.

## Oregon Wildfire Response and Recovery Overview

Working directly with each jurisdiction, agency and partner involved with Oregon's response and recovery efforts, OEM has created this dashboard. We continue to integrate data systems to provide consistent and verified information to inform efforts and tell the recovery story.



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Oregon's Current Training Calendar](#)
- [Washington State Training Calendar](#)
- [Idaho State Training Calendar](#)
- [FEMA Region X Training Calendar](#)

## ECC STATUS: ACTIVE

All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.

## COVID UPDATE

On June 2, 2021, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and OHSU's Northwest Native American Center of Excellence produced and released a Public Service Announcement recognizing the efforts of Northwest tribal communities in combatting COVID-19. Entitled "Resilience," the PSA features tribal artists, skateboarders, youth wearing masks, and those getting vaccinated; identifying preservation at the intersection between modern and traditional activities. View the PSA at [NPAIHB's YouTube Channel](#).

## HOT TOPICS

### Search and Rescue Missions: Stay Safe with Advance Planning

The state's search and rescue community, particularly in rural counties, has seen a significant increase in rescue missions, including those requiring advanced search and rescue equipment. They are also seeing an upsurge in inexperienced people visiting more remote areas. Many of these rescues could have been avoided with proper planning and realistic expectations. Knowing the best route, weather conditions, fire restrictions, and bringing extra supplies like water and snacks can make all the difference. There are many resources to help you Know Before You Go! Check the state's [recreation site status map](#) for the status of popular recreation areas; know and follow [local fire restrictions](#); and check up-to-date road conditions at [TripCheck.com](#) or by calling 5-1-1.

### OEM Offers Incident Tracking Resources

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management offers three different public facing mapping resources to track the status of incidents across the state. The [Hazard Situation Overview](#) is a tool with no log in required that allows the public to see the current status of weather activity, latest earthquakes, wildfire activity, ODOT TripCheck data, shelter information, declaration and EOC activation status, and the FEMA daily

operations briefing. [Public RAPTOR](#) (Real-time Assessment and Planning Tool for Oregon) includes various components of data in a central map showing the status of incidents in the area. The [OEM GIS Hub Site](#) displays RAPTOR public version, hazards overview application, story maps and presentations, videos, and open data for loading into your own mapping applications.

### Funding Available for Klamath Basin Drought Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oregon has announced \$1.8 million in Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to support the Klamath Basin and address critical needs during the ongoing drought. In recognition of the catastrophic conditions the Klamath Basin is currently experiencing, NRCS will offer a dedicated sign-up and ranking for the Klamath without competition from other regions. The NRCS has allocated \$1.134 million in EQIP funding to Oregon to address critical needs during this drought. Applications for drought assistance are due by June 16; apply in person at a local NRCS field office or online through [Farmers.gov](#).

## Webinar Discussing What Happens "After the Fire"

When a fire threatens a community, it can be an emotional, scary and traumatic experience, especially if you had to evacuate. Oregon State University's [Forest and Natural Resources Extension Fire Program](#) is hosting a free webinar from 12-1 p.m. on June 16, called "After the Fire." Experts will discuss the factors authorities use to determine when it is safe to return, what to know and expect upon returning, assessing your home and property for damage, important calls to make, and what resources and assistance are available if you have been affected by fire. Register at [OregonState.zoom.us](#).

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