

Weekly Watch



June 14, 2021

WEEKLY VIDEO



Message from the Director

Ensuring wildfire survivors have a safe and stable place to call home remains a priority for Oregon's wildfire recovery structure. This past Friday, the Office of Emergency Management was pleased to join FEMA and local officials in Jackson County for an open house and tour of FEMA's recently completed direct temporary housing site for wildfire survivors at the Totem Pole Trailer Park in Talent. Each of these transitional homes will provide some welcome stability to those who have undergone so much disruption. This completed development, along with additional pending sites, is another step forward to help the hundreds of families still awaiting transitional housing following last September's devastating wildfires. Our federal, state and local partners have worked tirelessly to provide a sense of home to these displaced survivors, and the opening of this site marks a significant next step in our strategy to support each survivor's recovery and their search for long-term housing. Oregon continues to rise to meet the challenges, showing we are all stronger together.

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

\$ 166,669,230

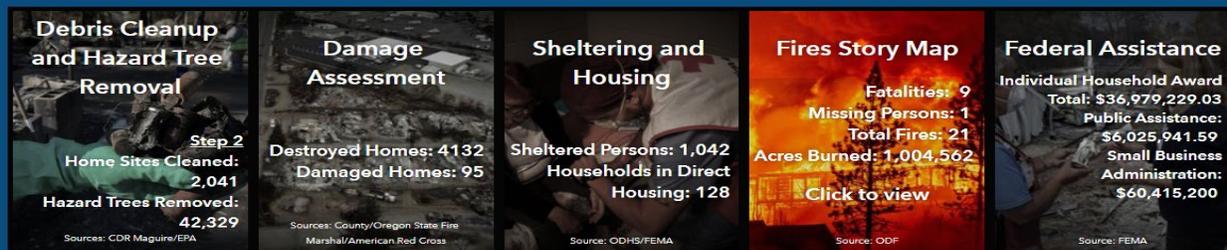
Wildfires

Senior Preparedness Webinar Series

FEMA Region 10 is presenting a senior preparedness webinar series from 10-11 a.m. on June 22 and June 24. [The first session on June 22](#) will focus on preparedness at home, while [the second session on June 24](#) will look at ways to sustain and strengthen social support networks. Each webinar will include a preparedness presentation and an engaging panel discussion. Click on the links above at the date and time of the event to be taken directly to the seminar.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic is fading out for Oregonians who are vaccinated, but for those who are not, the pandemic is raging at levels similar to those seen in January of this year. The Oregon Health Authority reports that 98% of the recent COVID-19 cases – and 94% of the deaths – have been among people who are unvaccinated. Once 70% of people in Oregon ages 16 and older receive a first dose of a vaccine, most of the state restrictions will be lifted, meaning those who remain unvaccinated will continue to be at a greater risk of contracting the virus.

HOT TOPICS

National Mitigation Resource Portal Survey

The National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) is conducting a short survey to collect feedback about developing a portal of hazard mitigation resources. Titled *TurboGrants*, the portal will help jurisdictions jump-start mitigation projects and improve applicants' capacity of applying for federal grants by offering hazard mitigation resources and assistance. Potentially, *TurboGrants* could help mitigation grants applicants by answering what federal funds are the best fit for community-selected mitigation projects; providing program requirements, limits, and timelines; and linking to agency programs. NIBS will use the feedback to develop a publicly available report and initiate dialogues with related stakeholders to establish the portal. Responses will be anonymous; fill out the survey at alchemer.com.

If You See Something, Say Something: Nationwide Campaign

The U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials are coming to the newly renovated Hayward Field in Eugene June 18-27. With crowds anticipated at the event, the public is reminded that everyone plays a role in keeping communities safe. "If You See Something, Say Something" is the slogan of a nationwide campaign launched by the Dept. of Homeland Security that encourages citizens to be watchful

during events like the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, and report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or by calling 9-1-1. Suspicious activity might be a vehicle parked in an odd location, an unattended backpack, or unusual attention to facilities or buildings beyond a casual or professional interest. Visit DHS.gov/see-something-say-something to learn more about the indicators and reporting for suspicious activity.

New Planning Guide Offers Insight for Community Disaster Caches

Along the Pacific Northwest coast, numerous groups have developed community disaster caches – stocks of supplies designed to enable a community to survive without federal or state aid during the days and weeks following an event like a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and accompanying tsunami. The Office of Emergency Management and the Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries have developed an Earthquake and Tsunami Planning Guide to help communities navigate the many complex social and logistical issues to consider when developing a successful and sustainable community disaster cache and make the process more manageable for those getting started. The planning guide explores and discusses the four steps of the disaster cache development planning process necessary for creating feasible plans tailored to suit a community's unique characteristics. View and download the guide at oregongeology.org.

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FEMA provides more [temporary housing for wildfire survivors](#) in Talent. [Funds are approved](#) for Project Turnkey to turn [hotels into emergency shelters](#). [Drought conditions](#) are worsening [across the state](#) and [across the Western U.S. pitting neighbors in a battle for water](#) and [increasing fire danger](#). Fire officials from [federal](#) and [state agencies](#) as well as [the local level](#) warn residents of a [dangerous fire season](#). Governor confirms mask mandate [will be lifted](#) with [70 percent vaccination rate](#). County commissioners ask the state to [stop supplemental unemployment](#) and business organizations ask for [return-to-work bonuses](#).

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