



Lincoln County Echo Mountain Complex Fire Recovery Update #04

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This is a notice from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office regarding recovery and resource updates for those affected by the Echo Mountain Complex Fire and Straight-Line Wind event.

Recursos y actualizaciones disponibles en español en www.co.lincoln.or.us/echomountainfire, Centro de Llamadas al 541-265-0621 o correo electrónico a echomtnfirerecovery@co.lincoln.or.us.

Have specific questions regarding the Echo Mountain Fire Complex recovery effort? Email us directly at: echomtnfirerecovery@co.lincoln.or.us

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Attachments included with this update:

- FEMA Update
- Oregon State OEM Update
- County Long Term Recovery Group Announcement/Invitation

1. Survivor Sheltering/Temporary Housing:

- **Red Cross sheltering assistance to transition to Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)**
 - The Red Cross shelter management contract ends Dec. 31, 2020. When the Red Cross contract is complete, ODHS will take on direct management of the shelter mission.
 - ODHS intends to continue to provide shelter while people need it and are committed to a successful transition for each person currently in shelter.
 - ODHS teams will meet with individuals and families in shelter to identify barriers to successfully moving out of shelter and then connect those individuals with local resources.
 - More than 4,000 homes in Oregon were destroyed or sustained major damage that made the homes uninhabitable until repairs can be made, or replacements built. Many people lost their homes, belongings and livelihoods.
 - The extensive devastation, coupled with an already tight housing market, means the response and recovery effort will endure long-term.
 - Currently, more than 1,000 people in Oregon are in non-congregate shelter throughout the state
- **Update from State of Oregon – Office of Emergency Management**
 - <https://dnks20yx1c2u.cloudfront.net/f93fd08ab52606c45b1d5e96b8ddcdd3e8752a17/WildfireRecoveryUpdateDec3.pdf>
- **Access to American Red Cross Temporary Shelter Services for Wildfire Survivors**
 - If you were evacuated from an Oregon wildfire or had wind damage and you need shelter, contact the American Red Cross.
 - Phone: 541-632-3116
 - Email: OregonWildfireSheltering@gmail.com
 - Website: www.redcross.org

2. Post Disaster Debris Management Clean Up Process:

- **State Update:**
 - ODOT has selected CDR Maguire Emergency Management to be the monitoring firm overseeing the State's wildfire cleanup efforts. The company has begun assessing and mapping burn areas in preparation of the cleanup contractors who may begin in the next couple of weeks. ODOT is planning to have their interactive webpage open in the next week or so as well.
- **Local Update:**
 - To protect waterways and fish habitats, we are continuing to work with EPA, DEQ, and the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District on erosion control measures. If you have any questions, please contact the Lincoln County Solid Waste District at solidwaste@co.lincoln.or.us or call 541-574-1285

3. Long Term Recovery Assistance:

Full Announcement/Invitation to Participate: [Invitation/Announcement 11.30.20](#)

Website Info Page: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/long-term-recovery-group-ltrg-voadcoad>

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division, is extending invitations to local community and volunteer groups/agencies/individuals to build or create:

- **LTRG for Echo Mountain Complex Fire – Long Term Recovery Group**
 - Long Term Recovery Committee or Group-a group that comes together to provide disaster assistance to individuals and households in both the immediate response through however long recovery lasts.
- **COAD Group – Community Organizations Active in Disasters**
 - Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)-generally the same purpose as a VOAD but may have more localized partners and are more comfortable utilizing the word Community
- **VOAD Group – Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters**
 - A consortium of recognized volunteer groups who work within a defined area (local, county, regional, etc.) in all phases of an emergency-generally in concert with a local Emergency Operations Plan.

Encouraged Community Partners/Groups/Agencies to Participate:

- Academic Organizations
- Civic Clubs
- Faith Community
- Food Assistance Groups
- Interpretation Services
- Neighborhood Associations
- Public Safety Volunteer Groups
- Social Service or Support Groups
- Trade or Industry Partners
- Other Community Service Groups
- Other Volunteer Groups
- Interested Individuals

Use this survey to let us know if you are interested in participating and how we can reach you:

- **Survey Link:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/745a3ac4a72d46d3b6f312cc6f447f05>

4. FEMA Updates:

The county received two new updates from FEMA this week, we have provided a synopsis of those FACT sheets here and the link to the full information on our website.

- **FEMA Claims for Assistance – Your Right to Appeal:**
 - Oregon homeowners and renters who applied for FEMA disaster assistance have the right to appeal FEMA’s eligibility decisions. Survivors who don’t agree with FEMA’s eligibility decision may file an appeal within 60 days of receiving their letter, even though the application deadline has passed. To learn more about the appeals process, including what to include and how to file an appeal visit <https://go.usa.gov/x77EB>. Appeals must be made in writing explaining why the agency should re-evaluate its decision and sent to FEMA by mail, fax or uploading to your online FEMA account.
 - [FACT Sheet - English](#) [FACT Sheet - Spanish](#)
- **FEMA Free Crisis Counseling Available for all Oregon Residents Affected by Wildfires:**
 - 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.
 - Adults and children having negative thoughts or feelings, can also contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Disaster Distress Helpline at 800-985-5990 (Spanish Press 2), or text “TalkWithUs” to 66746 (for Spanish text “Hablamos” to 66746). This national hotline is toll-free, multilingual, and confidential, offering crisis support to all residents in the United States and its territories.
 - For more information about who is most at risk for emotional distress from wildfires and to find related resources, visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>.
 - Counselors can also provide information about recognizing emotional distress and its effects, coping tips and referrals to other call centers for more support.
 - To view an accessible video about crisis counseling with closed captioning and American Sign Language interpretation visit <https://youtu.be/mrJN1CRBxE>.
 - [FACT Sheet – English](#) [FACT Sheet - Spanish](#)
 - [Lincoln County Behavioral Health Info \(in this document\)](#)
- **Update Your Information**
 - It is important to update your FEMA claim with current contact information and/or housing status
 - Contact FEMA at: Online at disasterassistance.gov, via the [FEMA app](#), or call **800-621-3362** (TTY: 800-462-7585).
- **Beware of Scams and Fraud!**
 - Report scam, price gouging, or fraud to your local law enforcement. You can also file a report by calling the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline: 866-720-5721, by email at disaster@leo.gov, or via the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ftc.gov/complaint.
- **Ineligible – Reasons Why FEMA May Have Found You Ineligible**
 - If you received a letter from FEMA that says you are ineligible for assistance, that is not the last word. A quick fix, like providing more information, may change FEMA’s decision. [FEMA Ineligible FACT SHEET](#)

- **SBA Disaster Loans**
 - The Nov. 30 application deadline for homeowners, renters, and businesses for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loan for home or business physical damage has also passed. In some circumstances, however, applications may be accepted after the deadline on a case-by-case basis. For more information, call **800-659-2955** (TTY: 800-877-8339) 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, email questions to FOCWAssistance@sba.gov or visit sba.gov/disaster. The application deadline for businesses and private nonprofit organizations for a loan for economic injury is June 15, 2021. Applicants can complete an online application at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.
- **Free Home Repair Advice**
 - All Oregon residents – including disaster survivors affected by the wildfires and straight-line winds – can still get personalized mitigation advice from a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Specialist. For information on how to build safer and stronger or to inquire about your flood risk following a fire, email FEMA-R10-MIT@fema.dhs.gov and a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Specialist will respond. This is a free service.

5. Additional Resource Information Available:

- **Lincoln County Behavioral Health**
 - CORE (Community Outreach & Recovery Education), info or to schedule a mental health assessment please call 541-265-4196.
 - For a mental health crisis please call 1-866-266-0288.
- **County Assessor and Tax Collector**
 - Request a property value adjustment for 2020 if affected by wildfire event and/or make sure your contact information is up to date.
 - Assessor's Office, (541) 265-4102, email assessorinfo@co.lincoln.or.us
 - Tax Collector's Office, (541) 265-4139, email taxinfo@co.lincoln.or.us
- **211 Info**
 - 211info is a nonprofit organization funded by state and municipal contracts, foundations, United Ways, donations and community partners in Oregon and Southwest Washington.
 - 211info empowers Oregon and Southwest Washington communities by helping people identify, navigate and connect with the local resources they need. To speak with a community information specialist about resources in your area: call **211** or **866-698-6155**; text your zip code to **898211**; or email help@211info.org. Representatives are available 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday
- **Disaster Legal Assistance**
 - Disaster Legal Services is taking questions from wildfire survivors. Go to: oregondisasterlegalservices.org, or call **800-452-7636** or **503-684-3763**, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Oregon Veterans**
 - [Assistance available for those affected by the disaster](#)

- **Oregon Unemployment**
 - [Unemployment assistance](#) update for those affected by wildfires
- **Housing and Community Services**
 - <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/index.aspx>
- **Renters Rights**
 - <https://www.oregonrentersrights.org/>
- **Insurance Commission**
 - The Division of Financial Regulation's consumer advocates are here to help you understand your insurance coverage and navigate the claims process. If you have questions or need help with a problem regarding your claim following a fire at your home, contact the division at 888-877-4894 (toll-free) or visit <https://dfr.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

6. Lincoln County Emergency Call Center:

The Call Center has been transitioned to a voice menu system to ensure community members seeking information on either COVID or Wildfire resources can quickly access the services they need. There is a recorded message with options to speak to various departments related to disaster recovery as well. The call center menu is:

Call 541-265-0621

- Press 1 for menu options in Spanish
- Press 2 for COVID Updates
- Press 3 for Echo Mtn. Fire Resources miscellaneous updates
- Press 4 Planning Department for re building and septic inquiries
- Press 5 Solid Waste Department for debris management inquiries
- Press 6 Environmental Health for water system inquiries
- Press 7 Behavioral Health for access to services
- Press 8 Assessors Office for tax assessor inquiries
- Press 9 Board of Commissioners
- Press 0 for Emergency Management and all other inquiries

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Emergency Management Division

- Call Center: 541-265-0621
- New Email: echomtnfirerecovery@co.lincoln.or.us
- Website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/echomountainfire