



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.

Now is the time to create defensible space around your home

Wildfires spread less easily when property owners create "defensible space" around their home and experts say now is the time to create it.

- Create a 30-foot defensible space around your home that is free of combustible material
- Clean up dead or dying plants, branches, leaves and needles
- Remove flammable plants and replace with fire-resistant species
- Prune tree branches to a height of 6-10 feet to remove "ladder fuels;" keep shrubs low and away from tree limbs
- Maintain driveway clearance that is free of flammable debris to allow fire engine access
- Go to firewise.org for more information

HUMAN IMPACTS

Confirmed fatalities: **9**

Source: Oregon State Medical Examiner

Missing persons: **1**

Source: Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS)

Sheltered persons: **1,069**

Source: American Red Cross

Individual Assistance Registrants:

25,116

Assistance Approved: \$29.06 million

*Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency;
Total registration count may vary on account of applications under review for potential fraud.

DAILY STATS

Acres burned (approx.): **1.2 million**

Source: Oregon Department of Forestry

Residences destroyed: **4,026**

Source: OEM Planning Section

Story of hope and resilience: Frank and Jeanne Moore

Frank Moore, a WWII vet, and his wife of 77 years, Jeanne, lost their home in the Archie Creek fire. After evacuating to Glide, they were forced to evacuate again and are now residing with family in Roseburg.

When asked by the Oregonian about their losses, Moore responded, "The main thing is that we still have each other and our wonderful family, and that's what life's all about in my judgment. We share. We have been and are so blessed."

The Moores are the original owners of the Steamboat Inn. The tourism and hospitality industry has been hit especially hard this year with COVID-19 shutdowns and wildfire impacts. Travel Oregon, the state's Tourism Commission, has measured the [impacts of COVID-19 on the tourism industry](#).

For updates on grants that may be available for tourism businesses from Travel Oregon, subscribe to their [newsletter](#).

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REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR DR4562 DUE DEC. 13, 2020

Federal funding is available to local, tribal governments, state agencies, special districts and certain private nonprofit organizations in designated area for emergency work and the repair or replacement of public facilities damaged by the wildfires that occurred in Oregon Sept. 7 – Nov. 3, 2020.

Eligible Applicants include local and tribal governments, special districts, state agencies and certain private nonprofits (PNP) that have incurred cost for response activities and/or have sustained facility damage as a direct result of the September wildfires 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.

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 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 are in non-congregate shelter throughout the state.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active Recovery Dashboard](#)
[Oregon Wildfire News](#)
[Sign up for Individual Assistance](#)
[Emergency management websites](#)
[by county](#)
[Oregon Insurance Commissioner](#)

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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