Wildfire Response & Recovery Update  
September 30, 2020

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon State Police and other state and federal partners, will distribute this daily update, collating verified information on the wildfire response.

**SITUATION SUMMARY**
As the state continues to transition from response to recovery efforts, Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is updating its reporting processes. This includes verification of structure loss and damage totals. OEM is now integrating damage assessment information from various data sources including impacted counties, the Office of Oregon State Fire Marshal, American Red Cross and others. This updated process provides a more accurate picture as local jurisdictions are able to ground truth reported data. As more counties report and their data is verified, these numbers will change accordingly.

**HUMAN IMPACTS**
- **Confirmed fatalities:** 9  
  Source: Oregon State Medical Examiner
- **Missing persons:** 9  
  Source: Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS)
- **Sheltered persons:** 2,395  
  **Congregate:** 290  
  **Non-Congregate:** 2,105  
  Source: American Red Cross
- **Individual Assistance Registrants:** 6,221
- **Assistance Approved:** $13.2 million
  Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

**DAILY STATS**
- **Acres burned (approx.):** 1 million  
  Source: Oregon Department of Forestry
- **Residences destroyed:** 3,124
  - Single Family: 1,069
  - Multi-Family: 197
  - Manufactured Homes: 1,858
  Source: OEM Planning Section
- **Other structures destroyed:** 1,403
  Source: Integrated Reporting of Wildland-Fire Information (IRWIN)

**NEED TO KNOW**

**Insurance Town Hall**
The Oregon Insurance Commissioner will host a virtual town hall at noon, Thursday Oct. 1 to discuss insurance and wildfires.

The Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) and the Insurance Commissioner are Oregon’s financial insurance regulators. These consumer advocate teams will be available to answer questions and provide resources. They can work with you and your insurance company directly to resolve any issues or complaints.

Learn more about how to navigate your insurance claim and how the Division of Financial Regulations can help by visiting [www.dfr.oregon.gov](http://www.dfr.oregon.gov).

You can also call an advocate at 1-888-877-4894.

The town hall will live stream via the DFR website here. [https://dfr.oregon.gov/Pages/videos.aspx](https://dfr.oregon.gov/Pages/videos.aspx)

**INFORMATION RESOURCES**
- Active fire dashboard
- Oregon Wildfire News
- Sign up for Individual Assistance
- Emergency management websites by county
- Oregon Insurance Commissioner

[wildfire.oregon.gov](http://wildfire.oregon.gov)
SIGN UP FOR ASSISTANCE!

Individual assistance is available to people impacted by fires in Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, and Marion counties.

Public assistance is available in Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill counties for publicly owned infrastructure impacted by the wildfires.

ADVICE AND RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

If the home you rent has been destroyed or damaged by fires, you can end your rental agreement to avoid paying for a space you cannot use. The Oregon Law Center has produced several tools to help renters navigate next steps, end rental agreements, and apply for assistance.

- Information for renters affected by wildfires [English and Spanish](#).
- Sample letters to help communicate with your landlord or housing caseworker in [English and Spanish](#).
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