



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.

SITUATION SUMMARY

As of October 8, there have been 2,027 fires statewide. Fire danger is expected to decrease as Oregon's typical cooler, wetter fall weather pattern gets established. Despite weather changes and the incredible progress made toward containment of large fires statewide, we aren't done with these fires yet. Firefighters will continue to monitor fire perimeters and nearly 1,500 miles of control lines to avoid any additional fire growth. Continued burning on the interior of large fires is expected for some time. Because fire season is not over yet, backyard burning and other restrictions are still in effect. Santiam State Forest remains closed to the public due to fire-related hazards.

HUMAN IMPACTS

Confirmed fatalities: **9**

Source: Oregon State Medical Examiner

Missing persons: **1**

Source: Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS)

Sheltered persons: **2,132**

Congregate: 118 | Non-Congregate: 2,014

Source: American Red Cross

Individual Assistance Registrants: **8,616**

Assistance Approved: \$17.08 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

DAILY STATS

Acres burned (approx.): **1.1 million**

Source: Oregon Department of Forestry

Residences destroyed: **4,068**

Source: OEM Planning Section

Other structures destroyed: **>1,400***

Source: Integrated Reporting of Wildland-Fire Information (IRWIN)

- Approximate

NEED TO KNOW

Voting Information for People Displaced by Fires

Many Oregonians were displaced from their homes during the September wildfires. As the election nears, displaced residents have inquired about the process to receive their ballot or vote in person to ensure their vote is counted. Information on voting is available on the [Oregon Secretary of State Office website](#).

- Officials will begin mailing ballots Oct. 14. If you have an address where you will be able to receive mail on or after that date, you can provide a temporary mailing address at oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

- If you prefer to use a paper form to provide election officials with a temporary address, you can download the [Absentee Ballot Request Form here](#).

- After Oct. 1, check with your county elections office for additional options they may have for ballot pickup. Find yours here:

sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/countyofficials.aspx

- You can pick up all of your mail (including ballots once they are mailed) at the Post Office that serves your permanent address.



Jackson County, Ore. Oct. 2, 2020 photo courtesy of Almeda and Obenchain Fire Information Facebook Page

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SIGN UP FOR ASSISTANCE!



www.DisasterAssistance.gov



1-800-621-3362

1-800-462-7585 TTY

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.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS

To assist Oregonians affected by wildfires and windstorms, FEMA opened an External Outreach Center today, Oct. 9, in Stayton. Centers are already in place in Eugene and Medford.

- Representatives from FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) program will be on-hand to help residents register for IA, get information about their application, ask questions about letters they received from FEMA and have their documents scanned to be part of their application.
 - **Note: Masks are required to visit in-person. Visitors will receive a "no-touch" temperature upon arrival. Hand sanitizer will be available for visitors and staff and FEMA will follow all COVID safety protocols.**
- At the External Outreach Center in Medford, bilingual representatives from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program will be available to provide rebuilding tips and answer questions about home repair and how to process insurance claims.
- If survivors are unable to visit in-person, they can apply for assistance or update an application in the following ways:
 - Visit DisasterAssistance.gov.
 - Check [FEMA's mobile app](#).
 - Those who use a relay service, such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel should update FEMA with their assigned number for that service. Phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number.
 - Email questions to FEMA-R10-MIT@FEMA.DHS.GOV and a FEMA Hazard Mitigation specialist will respond to your inquiry.
- Additionally, several counties are offering multilingual assistance to ensure everyone is able to understand the process for filing. Check with your local county to inquire about which language assistance is being offered.



Lincoln City, Ore. Sept.. 30, 2020 photo by Patsy Lynch/FEMA

INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active fire dashboard](#)

[Oregon Wildfire News](#)

[Sign up for Individual Assistance](#)

[Emergency management websites by county](#)

[Oregon Insurance Commissioner](#)

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