



# OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wildfire Response & Recovery Update

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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 counties affected by straight-line winds and wildfires begin cleanup efforts, many Oregonians who lost their homes remain in non-congregate housing and shelters until longer-term housing can be arranged. It is important to update your address to ensure mail is being delivered to your current location. This will prevent lags in critical services, such as FEMA or prescriptions. [Set up mail forwarding services here.](#)

## HUMAN IMPACTS

Confirmed fatalities: **9**

Source: Oregon State Medical Examiner

Missing persons: **5**

Source: Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS)

Sheltered persons: **2,626**

Congregate: 453 | Non-Congregate: 2,178

Source: American Red Cross

Individual Assistance Registrants: **5,169**

**Assistance Approved: 1,696**

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

## DAILY STATS

Acres burned (approx.): **1 million**

Source: Oregon Department of Forestry

Residences destroyed: **2,291**

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

Other structures destroyed: **1,503**

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

## NEED TO KNOW

### Disaster Unemployment Assistance

The Oregon Employment Department has launched Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), which provides financial support to people whose ability to work has changed due to the wildfires. You are eligible if you live in any of the following counties: Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion.

You can find DUA applications, instructions, frequently asked questions and more at the [Oregon Employment Department's website](#).

**Applications must be received by Oct. 23, 2020.**

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active fire dashboard](#)

[Oregon Wildfire News](#)

[Sign up for Individual Assistance](#)

[Emergency management websites by county](#)

[Set up USPS mail forwarding](#)

wildfire.oregon.gov

Media inquiries  
fire.info@state.or.us  
503-378-7872

## SIGN UP FOR ASSISTANCE!



[www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://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.

### READ YOUR FEMA DECISION LETTER CAREFULLY

If you received a letter from FEMA saying you are ineligible for assistance, it does not mean your application has been denied. You may just need to provide additional information.

Be sure to read your FEMA determination letter carefully because it will say why you are ineligible and recommend actions that may change the decision. [Learn more about why you may have been found ineligible.](#)

You can also appeal a decision by sending a letter with any additional documentation to FEMA asking for reconsideration. This must be done within 60 days of the date of your ineligibility letter. [Read instructions for submitting your appeal.](#)

If you have questions about your application, you can always call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or TTY (800) 462-7585.



*Pickup trucks for fire crews await the next assignment near the South Obenchain Fire.*