



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wildfire Recovery Update

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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.

Housing options and assistance

At the request of the state, FEMA activated a federal program offering 2020 wildfire survivors the opportunity to purchase their currently occupied trailer. The Transportable Temporary Housing Units (TTHU) Sales Program gives survivors currently living in these trailers the option to purchase them at a reasonable price ("adjusted fair market value").

There are additional options available along with low- and no-cost resources to help survivors understand which decision is right for them and their families or to help them find an affordable place to live.

Housing navigators have the latest information on rentals, mobile home parks, and the types of financial assistance needed to get into a home. Working hand-in-hand with FEMA coordinators, housing navigators can assess financial situations and identify loans or grants that could help, including:

- Loans and down payments to buy a new manufactured home.
- Moving expenses, utility hook-ups, deposits, and possibly even the relocation of a current trailer.
- Payment of a portion of rent (including space rent in a mobile home park) for several months.

Assistance depends on income and other factors, which a housing navigator can help sort through.

Housing Navigators by County

Jackson: ACCESS Center for Community Resilience, 541-414-0318

Lincoln or Linn: Community Services Consortium, 541-574-2280

Marion: Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agy, 503-399-9080

Douglas: United Community Action Network, 541-672-5392

Klamath: Klamath-Lake Community Action, 541-882-3500

Lane: Lane Co. Health and Human Services, 541-682-3798

Clackamas: DevNW, 541-345-7106 x2055

WILDFIRE RECOVERY BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered Persons: 668

Source: ODHS

Individuals in Direct Housing: 318

Source: FEMA

Hazardous Trees Removed: 72,716

Source: ODOT

Home Sites Cleared: 2,824

Source: ODOT

IA Registrants: 25,251

Source: FEMA

IA Amount Approved: \$37.4 million

Source: FEMA

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Rock scaling operations on OR-224

Crews are just a few weeks away from completing hazard tree removal on Highway 224 in Clackamas County, but the complicated task of making the highway safe for travel doesn't end with hazard trees. Of the hundreds of thousands of trees that burned in the catastrophic Riverside Fire, about 25,000 that were dead or dying and within striking distance of the roadway had to be removed. Removing these trees was challenging, with thousands of them perched high above cliffs – some in protected wilderness areas – and needing to be assessed by drone and removed by helicopter. [This video](#) shows the type of rocks these crews are knocking onto the road.

To mitigate the long-term risks of rockfall on the highway, crews will be reinstalling rock fence and rockfall barriers. Before installing the fencing, crews have to climb up the loose, rocky hillside to perform rock scaling -- removing the unstable rock using hand tools. Once the rock scaling is complete and the new fencing is installed, maintenance crews will begin repairing the heavily damaged roadway and replacing the guardrails. Highway 224 remains on track to open by the end of the year.

McKenzie community observes one-year mark of the Holiday Farm Fire

The McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals nonprofit organization recently held the McKenzie Community Celebration in commemoration of the one-year mark of the Holiday Farm Fire. The event, held on Oct. 10 at the McKenzie Community Track and Field in Vida, included a first responder appreciation ceremony and an unveiling of a permanent commemorative art piece designed and created by Oregon conceptual artist Margaret Godfrey. The day of healing was sponsored by McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals, McKenzie Community Track & Field, McKenzie School District, Suulutaaq Inc., Hope Project and Cascade Relief Team.

Oregon Debris Management Task Force reflects and looks ahead

The September 2020 wildfires were the worst in state history, claiming nine lives, destroying more than 4,000 homes and businesses, and burning more than 1 million acres. Two-thirds of the homes lost were from the Almeda Fire in Southern Oregon.

The Oregon Debris Management Task Force has cleared debris from more than 90% of impacted homes sites across the state in preparation for rebuilding. Behind every home site cleared are people's lives and stories of resilience.

One year after the fires, the task force has produced a video with community leaders, recovery specialists and Oregon Department of Transportation leadership reflecting on what was lost, what has been accomplished and what comes next for recovery. Watch the video on [YouTube](#).



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