



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wildfire Recovery Update

April 21, 2021

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 get a boost in Talent

The Talent Urban Renewal Agency is working with Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to create transition housing options for those living in the Phoenix-Talent community.

Almost 700 students and their families lost their homes in the Almeda fire. Even with all the work completed in this community, about a quarter of these families are still without interim housing.

TURA and OHCS plan on breaking ground on what is now called the Gateway Site as early as Memorial Day. By establishing the infrastructure needed for the temporary trailer and RVs, they are setting up the area for long-term development in the future.

The 4.3-acre site will include homes for 53 families who need this interim housing to remain in their community and continue their education with stability.

FEMA continues to work with local officials to secure sites for temporary housing supplied by the federal government. In Talent, they are looking at Totem Pole Park, and just outside of Phoenix, they are considering Rogue Valley. Multi-agency efforts are underway to move these communities forward.

Wildfire Insurance Town Hall

As the rainy season makes way for longer days and drier weather, construction is steadily increasing in wildfire-affected areas. To assist in navigating these areas of recovery, a virtual Wildfire Insurance Town Hall will be held on **Thursday, April 29 at 12 p.m.** Oregon Insurance Commissioner Andrew Stolfi, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, and OSU Fire Program Manager Carrie Berger will discuss the insurance claims process and how to get ready for the 2021 wildfire season.

To watch live, follow this link: <http://dcbspaage.org/APRIL.DFR.TOWNHALL>. If you are unable to watch live, the video will be available on the [Division of Financial Regulation website](#) as well as the [Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services](#) Facebook page. For more info on wildfire insurance, visit dfr.oregon.gov.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered persons: 1,217

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: 293

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Hazardous trees removed: 27,521

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Home Sites Cleared: 1,354 (48.9% of total home sites)

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants: 25,251

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Amount Approved: \$36.4 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

FEMA helps wildfire survivors with application process

FEMA is offering help to Jackson County wildfire survivors who applied for Federal Disaster Assistance but still have questions about their application.

To register for an in-person appointment, call:
541-821-7697 (Spanish)

541-821-7135 or 541-770-3480 (English).

Note: Appointments must be made by Friday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

In-person appointments will be held at two locations, with sign language and Spanish interpreters available upon request:

- **May 1-4 in Talent**

Talent Community Center, 104 E Main St.
Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **May 7-10 in Phoenix**

Phoenix Plaza Civic Center, 220 N Main St.
Friday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Face coverings are required for entry and service.

Survivors may also call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily; press 2 for a Spanish-speaking operator.



Help is available for 2020 wildfire survivors!

Assistance with Basic Needs

Recovery starts with meeting basic needs.

If you have been impacted by the 2020 Oregon wildfires, call **211** or email help@211info.org to speak with a specialist about resources in your community.

Visit the Oregon Department of Human Services at govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits for help with food, childcare and medical coverage.

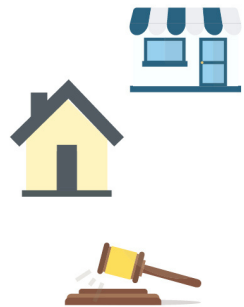
Find a food bank near you at oregonfoodbank.org



Lines for Life

Lines for Life, a FEMA-funded outreach program, connects individuals with compassionate assistance and resources such as housing/shelter support, food assistance, legal assistance, transportation, small business relief and more. These services are free, confidential and have no eligibility criteria.

To connect with Lines for Life call **971-420-1029 for English, 971-420-1018 for Spanish**, or email FEMAhelp@linesforlife.org



INFORMATION RESOURCES

[Active Recovery Dashboard](#)

[Oregon Wildfire News](#)

[Emergency Management Websites by County](#)

[Oregon Insurance Commission](#)

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