



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.

Temporary Housing Site in Talent

Wildfire survivors are seeking temporary housing options in their communities while long-term rebuilding is in progress. Unfortunately, due to limited vacancies and an already strained housing situation, too many households are still currently living in hotels or relying on the hospitality of friends and family. To help provide temporary housing for wildfire survivor families with children in the Phoenix-Talent School District, Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) is a contributing partner for the Gateway Transitional to Permanent Housing project, providing 53 survivor families with RV's on a 4.3-acre site within the community.

Together, with a grant from the People's Bank of Commerce Foundation, the Gateway Site will be the first site in Talent to house fire survivors – prioritizing those who might not be eligible for FEMA benefits.

The site hosts a play structure area with close access to amenities including grocery and retail stores. The \$1.7 million funding from OHCS will pay for installing infrastructure needed for this temporary site while allowing for future community development once survivors have established permanent housing. With site preparation and operations beginning next week, this effort supports temporary transitional housing with a long-term vision for developing permanent residential and commercial development.

Recovery efforts continue as Oregon prepares for and responds to new wildfires

As work progresses to manage the thousands of fire-damaged trees lining state highways and recovery areas, crews and staff continue to coordinate closely with local, state, and federal forestry and fire officials to prepare for and respond to the 2021 wildfire season. The work is complex and the impacts vary depending on the fire-impacted area. Crews are working as quickly as possible to secure roadways and ensure safe access for responders.

If you have questions on what to expect in the coming months or for more information about the hazard tree removal process, call the debris hotline at 503-934-1700 or [fill out the online form](#) to connect with an arborist regarding your property or work happening in your community.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered persons: **1,023**

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: **318**

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Hazardous trees removed: **41,973**

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Home Sites Cleared: **2,022** (70.9%
of total home sites)

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants:
25,251

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Amount Approved: \$37 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

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FEMA Offers Federal Disaster Assistance Reengagement in Multiple Counties

Oregon wildfire survivors that have already applied for Federal Disaster Assistance with FEMA but still have questions about their application can attend in-person sessions with FEMA representatives at two upcoming events in affected counties. FEMA has already held several of these events, including in Jackson and Marion/Linn Counties. Primary topics have included rental assistance, sheltering assistance, insurance and appeals, and well and septic damage. The following upcoming clinics are scheduled:

June 11-14 in Douglas County

Glide Revitalization Building
301 Glide Loop Dr., Glide, OR 97443
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fri & Mon; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat & Sun

June 18-21 in Lincoln County

North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District 1 Station 1300
381 N. Old Scenic Hwy 101, Otis, OR 97368
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fri & Mon; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat & Sun

Walk-in appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event. Masks or face coverings are required for entry and service, and sign language and Spanish interpreters will be available upon request.

For survivors unable to attend these events, help remains available seven days a week online or by phone. If you need help with your application, a letter you received, or the appeals process, contact FEMA at DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). Press 2 for a Spanish representative. FEMA specialists are available 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. PST, seven days a week.



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



Free Legal Assistance

The Oregon Disaster Legal Services offers free legal assistance to low-income Oregonians affected by the 2020 wildfires.

To see what benefits are available, visit oregondisasterlegalservices.org or call **844-944-2428**.



Free legal help is also available through the Oregon State Bar's Disaster Legal Assistance Hotline: **800-452-7636** or visit www.osbar.org/public

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