



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

March 21, 2016 – March 27, 2016

Message from the Director -

Weather –

You can view the weekly forecast here: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/oregonWeek.php#tabs>.

- [NWS Portland](#)
- [NWS Pendleton](#)
- [NWS Medford](#)
- [NWS Boise](#)

Updates from the Joint Field Office in Salem for DR 4258, the 2015 Pacific Storm Event –

The State of Oregon and FEMA continue to make steady and significant progress in delivering the Public Assistance program for state, tribal, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations affected by severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides occurring Dec. 6-23, 2015.

The Joint Field Office, headed by State Coordinating Officer Clint Fella and Federal Coordinating Officer Dolph Diemont, officially opened Feb. 23, 2016.

This week, federal disaster assistance was extended to public entities in Douglas and Clackamas counties. Douglas and Clackamas counties join Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties under the disaster declaration signed by President Obama on Feb. 17, 2016.

The following is a disaster recovery update for the 14 counties declared for Public Assistance.

As of March 21:

- 91 applicants submitted Requests for Public Assistance (RPA). The deadline for receipt of RPAs was March 18. The deadline for newly added Douglas County is April 14 and the deadline for Clackamas County is April 19.
- Program Delivery Managers (PDMs) completed 66 Exploratory Calls with eligible applicants. The Exploratory Calls are designed to provide tailored and effective customer service to meet recovery needs of the applicant.
- PDMs have completed 37 of the 66 scheduled Recovery Scoping Meetings (RSMs). RSMs are conducted to review damages, gather documentation, develop a list of projects and set priorities.

FEMA is implementing a new business process during this disaster. The new model is primarily focused on how FEMA processes state requests for disaster assistance to rebuild public infrastructure. Oregon has agreed to be the first participant in the New Public Assistance Delivery Model.

December 2015 Pacific Storm Event (DR-4258) Major Disaster Declaration Recovery Process –

- The appeal for public assistance to Clackamas County was approved on March 21, making a total of 14 Oregon counties eligible for federal disaster relief funding.
- On March 16, Douglas County was added to the Pacific Storm declaration, making county entities eligible for public assistance grants.
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) announced low-interest federal disaster loans are available to Oregon businesses and residents affected by the Pacific Storm Event that occurred Dec. 6-23, 2015.
- The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill counties.
- The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers will be open on these days and times:
 - Clackamas County
Clackamas County Development Services Building (aka DSB Building)
150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. -- 6 p.m.
Center closes at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24
 - Tillamook County
Port of Tillamook Bay Main Offices Conference Room 380
4000 Blimp Blvd., Suite 100, Tillamook, OR 97141
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. -- 6 p.m.
Center closes at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24

In the News –

- [Douglas County added to federal disaster relief declaration for Oregon](#)
- [Defazio kicks off tsunami blue line project](#)
- [Spring Break lesson: Prepare now for the Big One](#)
- [Cannon Beach forum educates residents on disaster planning](#)
- [County officials team up to practice earthquake preparedness](#)

Critical Infrastructure/Private Sector –

- The National Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (NCIPP) Data Call and Critical Infrastructure Partner Workshop will be hosted by the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center.
 - Thursday, March 24, 1-4 p.m. at Camp Withycombe
 - Contact Shannon Marheine at 503-934-2022 or shannon.m.marheine@doj.state.or.us
- Clear Path IV is an energy focused disaster response exercise sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. It is scheduled to take place in Portland in April. This exercise will provide an opportunity for government (local, state and federal) and industry to examine challenges in responding to the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami. This exercise will provide the energy sector with building block information for Cascadia Rising 2016.
 - April 19, 2016 – Clear Path IV Local, State and Regional Energy Sector Response Coordination
 - April 20, 2016 – National Level Energy Coordination
- FEMA Region X is offering a Cascadia Rising Virtual Tabletop Exercise for the private sector. Pre-registration for this training opportunity is required. Contact Lucianne Phillips at 425-487-2104 or lucianne.phillips@fema.dhs.gov for more information. This training exercise is available on the following dates:
 - April 14, 2016 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 - April 22, 2016 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 - April 26, 2016 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Training --

- Check the [training calendar](#) for the most up to date list of training.
- Planning on going to EMI for training? Your application must be submitted no less than six weeks prior to the class. Submit your 119 form to: james.adams@state.or.us

Exercises –

- The Cascadia Rising Final Planning Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Community Engagement –

- [My Preparedness Story: Staying Healthy & Resilient Video Challenge](#) is accepting video submissions until March 29, 2016. Videos should answer the question “How are you helping family, friends and community protect their health during disasters and every day?”
- In early January, FEMA entered the next phase of tribal consultation for the Stafford Act disaster declaration process for tribal governments. The draft guidance is posted to the [Federal Register](#) and will be available for comment until April 7, 2016. Additional information regarding the consultation process may be found at [Second Draft Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance](#).

9-1-1 Program –

- The OEM Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Project Management Team (PMT) and the Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Technology Service (DAS ETS) continue to meet for the Frame Relay Replacement Project.
- Check the [OEM web site](#) for project updates.

Planning –

- The third annual Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop builds partnerships by sharing experiences and ideas while strengthening collaboration. The workshop will provide participants with networking opportunities, training and information on programs, current issues and best practices related to all phases of emergency management. Additional information will be coming in the near future. For more information contact [Sidra Metzger-Hines](#) or at 503-378-2911.

Currently all rooms at Kah-Nee-Ta Spa and Resort are full. Through partnerships with local hotels, we are able to extend our negotiated conference rate to partner hotels in nearby Madras. If you have not yet made your reservations, we ask that you please still work through our host, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa to ensure you receive the negotiated conference rate of \$89/night (+taxes & fees). Lodging reservations are the sole responsibility of the attendee.

- April 4 – 8, 2016
- Kah-Nee-Ta, Oregon

Preparedness Tip –

- During the Scotts Mills/Spring Break quake in 1993, most structural damage consisted of toppled chimneys and failure of walls due to unreinforced masonry.
 - Consider seismically retrofitting your home.
 - Install latches on kitchen cabinets.
 - Secure refrigerator/other appliances and large furniture to wall studs.
 - Secure mirrors and wall hangings on closed hooks.
 - Use museum putty to keep knick-knacks in place.
 - Use metal straps to secure water heater to wall studs.

Disaster of the Week –

March 25, 1911: A fire at the [Triangle Shirtwaist Factory](#) killed 146 factory workers, mostly immigrant women between the ages of 14 and 43 years old. The fire began in a fabric scrap bin, quickly spread throughout the building, and killed many employees. Employees were trapped behind locked doors and some jumped to their deaths to escape the flames. The owners of the factory were acquitted of first- and second-degree manslaughter (the jury determined they could not have known the exit doors were locked), but were found liable in a civil suit and ordered to pay monetary compensation of \$75 per deceased victim. The owners received insurance pay-outs of \$400 per dead worker. Six victims of the fire would not be positively identified until advances in DNA identification processes made it possible in February, 2011, one month shy of the 100th anniversary of the fire.

Lessons learned: 64 new laws were recommended by a commission charged with investigating this tragedy and providing recommendations. [Labor laws](#) were passed to limit the number of hours children could work (two of the fire's victims were 14 year old girls) as a result of this fire. New laws mandating better building access and egress, fireproofing requirements, availability of fire extinguisher and the installation of alarm systems and automatic sprinklers in commercial structures were passed in New York and around the country. In 2011, the [Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Memorial](#) was established to educate the general public regarding workplace safety and to establish a scholarship fund for children of injured workers.

RAPTOR –

Users can now add data from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries' release of the Landslide Susceptibility data. This option is available as a map underneath the "Add ArcGIS Online Data" under the "Add Data" menu option.



This adds the Landslide Susceptibility data into the layer list, allowing users to view this within the RAPTOR mapping interface.

Check out the [DOGAMI Landslide Susceptibility](#) publication website to find our more.

ECC –

- The State ECC is currently in Level 1 Standby. All requests for assistance should be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311.