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TO: Statewide Wildfire Economic Recovery Council

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SUBJECT: Metro Region Wildfire Economic Recovery Team

**Summary:** The Metro Region Wildfire Economic Recovery Team will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 from 1 – 2:30 PM.

**Issues (in no particular order):**

1. Case management related to individual assistance, housing, health care, and providing basic essentials to those that have been displaced, have damage to their homes and property. This includes volunteer donations and connecting people to resources.
2. Safe debris removal for public and private property and acceptance standards for landfills and transportation.
3. Housing issues related to time needed to rebuild, especially going into winter.

**Potential Solutions and Opportunities (in no particular order):**

1. For case management, Clackamas County is struggling and would like FEMA, Red Cross, or the state to provide guidance or funding for case management.
2. Clackamas County currently has own monitoring contract that it may use if needed.
3. County identified the challenges regarding permitting and rebuilding and have provided solutions for rapid permitting and waiver for temporary residents of an RV if the homeowner has suffered a loss.

**Looking Ahead:**

1. Legislation around defensible space or an incentive for those that are rebuilding to include defensible space.
2. Houseless issues related to wildfire and COVID are creating incredible demands on local agencies.
3. Continued disproportionate impacts on historically unrepresented or marginalized communities.