



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OEM: Weekly Watch Report

August 31 – Sept 7, 2020

OEM Weekly Watch Reports are available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/OEM/Pages/weeklywatch.aspx>

Message from the Director – OEM Director Andrew Phelps talks with July Maus about her evacuation from the Mosier Creek fire that started on August 12. The fire consumed approximately 1,000 acres and destroyed 36 structures, including the Maus home. The family had a plan, practiced it and was able to evacuate to safety in seven minutes. July is "extremely grateful to friends, family and perfect strangers" who have stepped up to help.

Weather and Hazards

View current watches and warnings [here](#). Check out our weather dashboard [here](#).

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

Interested in a quick overview of hazards currently affecting Oregon and surrounding areas? Check out our [Leadership Briefing](#) product.

State ECC Status: *Activated*

The State Emergency Coordination Center is activated on a 30-day operational period in support of OHA's COVID-19 response. Requests for assistance may be made by contacting OERS at 1-800-452-0311 or directly through OpsCenter.

EMAC

The Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal mobilized Oregon fire resources on August 19 using the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System (OFMAS) to deploy three task forces to support California wildfire response. Two additional task forces were deployed on August 20. A total of 85 personnel, representing 27 fire agencies from Clatsop, Klamath, Lane, Linn and Marion Counties responded and are assigned to the LNU Lightning Complex fire. California made the request through the national-state-to-state mutual aid system, the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is administered by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. The Oregon teams are slated for a 16-day deployment; however, should Oregon's fire situation require it, the teams can be recalled.

COVID-19

Face coverings are required in Oregon for all people age 5+ in indoor public spaces and outdoors when physical distancing isn't possible. Additional COVID-19 information including case counts, testing, county data, reopening phases, etc., is available at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>.

Disaster Recovery

Currently OEM has seven open disasters totaling over 600 applicants/sub recipients. With the COVID-19 environment, FEMA and the State Public Assistance Program delivery managers are working virtually with applicants on building eligible FEMA Public Assistance projects for:

- DR4519 - Severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that affected Umatilla, Union and Walla Counties, February 5-9, 2020
- DR4499 - COVID-19 Pandemic beginning March 2, 2020 and ongoing
- DR4452 - Severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that affected Curry, Douglas, Grant, Linn, Umatilla and Linn Counties, April 6-21, 2019
- DR4432 - Severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that affected Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jefferson and Lane Counties, February 23-26, 2019

Updated FEMA Guidance and Policy regarding eligible costs and other relevant information for COVID-19 (DR4499) is distributed weekly to local emergency managers upon receipt by OEM from FEMA. Questions regarding FEMA Public Assistance can be directed to [Julie Slevin](#) or [Dan Gwin](#).

In the News

- [Lane and Douglas Counties send firetrucks to White River fire under emergency conflagration](#)
- [Oregon health officials ask people to rethink Labor Day plans](#)
- [Storms spark several wildfires](#)
- [Oregon Red Cross volunteers go to CA fires; Bend man helping remotely](#)

Public/Private Partnership Program

The Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency recently launched a new webpage specifically dedicated to providing access to information that supports efforts to secure houses of worship. For more information, visit the Faith Based Organization-Houses of Worship (FBO-HOW) resource page at <https://www.cisa.gov/faith-based-organizations-houses-worship>. For questions on public/private partnerships or to request to be included in the OEM Public Private Partnership listserv, contact sonya.mccormick@state.or.us.

RAPTOR and OpsCenter

Thank you to those who use the statewide fire evacuation service to indicate wildfire evacuations due to local wildfire activity. Many jurisdictions have signed on to the RAPTOR data use agreement, which provides access to update these boundaries in native GIS software. If you have GIS staff that would like to utilize this service (or you have forgotten the credentials to access this functionality), please contact daniel.stoelb@state.or.us.

Grants

- FMAG **FEMA-5327-FM-OR** was approved by FEMA for the Mosier Creek Fire in Wasco County on August 12. FEMA Region X notified OEM on August 18 that there would be a delay in funding information due to the projected timeline being at the same time as the FY end for FEMA. Information will be shared when it is available.
- **State guidance for BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) and FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance)** was sent out on Monday, August, 24. Key dates for FY20:
 - Pre-application (from local entity to State Hazard Mitigation Office): 11:59 p.m. PST, September 15, 2020
 - Application start date in FEMA Grants Outcome: 11:59 p.m. PST, September 30, 2020
 - SHMO to approve/assign permissions to local entities identified for moving forward in application process

- Sub-application finish date (local entity to have sub-application complete in FEMA Grants Outcome): 11:59 p.m. PST on November 15, 2020
- Identify FEMA Grants Outcome technical issues to FEMA (state to FEMA): 12 p.m. EST, January 27, 2021
- Application submission deadline (state to FEMA): 112 p.m. EST, January 29, 2021

Questions or additional information regarding the BRIC or FMA programs may be directed to State Hazard Mitigation Officer Amie Bashant at shmo@mil.state.or.us or 971-719-0936.

- BRIC resources <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/resources-building-resilient-infrastructure-communities-program-bric>
 - Latest guidance on BRIC: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>
- **The Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT)** is a U.S. Forest Service National program designed to help communities build sustainable local capacity for wildfire mitigation during high risk times before, during, or after a wildfire when awareness of the need for risk reduction and the likelihood of action is highest. If you are interested in learning more about CMATs, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/cmat> or contact State Hazard Mitigation Officer Amie Bashant at shmo@mil.state.or.us or 971-719-0936.

Planning

FEMA has selected Oregon airfield Crater Lake-Klamath Regional Airport (Klamath Falls) for an assessment to determine capacity to serve as a designated federal staging area, or incident support base, to support state response operations following a catastrophic event such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone quake. The assessment determines an airfield's capacity to conduct aeromedical evacuation, coordination of aerial search and rescue missions, and possible relocation of impacted populations from areas of risk. The assessment is sponsored by FEMA and conducted by a federal contractor who then selects local and state partners to evaluate all aspects of the airport. In the past three years, Oregon has participated in three assessments of selected public airports, located at Redmond, Salem and Eugene. For more information on the FEMA airfield assessment program, previous evaluations or the upcoming process, please contact bill.martin@state.or.us; 503-378-3514.

Search and Rescue

For general SAR information and statewide training, contact State SAR Coordinator Scott Lucas at scott.lucas@mil.state.or.us or 971-283-6135.