

Situational Report – Monday, October 19, 2020

Emerging Conditions and News

Right of Entry Release, Deadline Extended to October 23, 2020. Removing fire debris is a two-step process. Step 1 is clearing properties of household hazardous waste, and Step 2 is removal of ash, debris and burned-out structures. To have government help in this process, a property owner needs to complete the right of entry form to allow government representatives on their property. Please see the RogueValleyRebuilds.org website to complete the form and for additional information on debris removal. If property owners have questions on the ROE, they can call 1-682-800-5737 for assistance.

Right of Entry Insurance Misconception. A concern that continues with some property owners is the misconception that filling out the ROE for household hazardous waste or the Ash and Trash program will deplete or take money necessary to rebuild your home. There are four clarifications to help with this misconception:

1. **Insurance coverage is only to rebuild your home.** No federal, state, or local agency will attempt to recoup money from insurance that has been allocated for the rebuilding of your home for debris removal costs.
2. **Insurance is a lump sum for cleanup and rebuilding.** After the home is rebuilt, if there are any remaining funds at that time, recoupment for debris removal costs may be sought.
3. **Insurance coverage includes dedicated amount allocated for debris removal.** A federal, state, or local agency may seek reimbursement for debris removal costs.
4. If you choose to cleanup yourself, the cleanup costs may come out of a lump sum settlement and likely cost property owners more. Jackson County recommends the systematic and comprehensive process of filing a ROE and allowing the cleanup process to begin.

Hazardous Household Waste Removal. US EPA strike teams are on-site and completed their “soft start” household hazardous waste clean-up this weekend. Today (10/19), was the first day for the “hard start” clean-up of household hazardous waste.

EPA launched phone Hotline for wildfire-affected property owners. If you have questions about EPA’s removal of household hazardous waste at your property or to provide EPA with additional details about your property, the dedicated phone number is 541-225-5549. The phone will operate from 8:00AM to 8:00PM, seven days a week, and will be offered in both English and Spanish.

A few new highlights from the RogueValleyRebuilds.org website:

- **[Disaster Unemployment – Deadline to Apply is October 23.](#)**
- **[Fire Insurance Claims – Know Your Rights](#)** article.
- **[Clean-up Costs and Insurance](#)** article.

Environmental Protection/Greenway. Greenway seeding and erosion control efforts started today. See [press release](#).

FEMA has Approved Activation of the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program. The CDL Program provides operational funding to help local governments that have incurred a significant loss in revenue, due to a major disaster, that has or will adversely affect their ability to provide essential municipal services. For any applicant questions, please contact Martha Castro, CDL Program Manager at (202) 212-5761.

Quick Facts	Red Cross Non-congregate (e.g., Hotels) and RV sites	543 individuals in non-congregate/86 individuals in RVs
	Individuals & Households in Jackson County Registered with FEMA	3,944 registrations, 1,954 inspections completed (10/18)
	Right of Entry Forms Submitted	867 received to date (10/16)
	Property Damage Assessment	3,614 properties assessed, 2,659 destroyed

Essential Fire and Community Information (NEW/UPDATED ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH ♦)

<p>Federal Individual & Household Support (FEMA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register online: https://www.disasterassistance.gov/ • In-person. FEMA team members, with Spanish-speaking representatives, are available to help people process their claims and navigate the FEMA process. The locations are: Old Medford Central High School 815 S. Oakdale Avenue, Talent Elementary School 307 Wagner Creek Road, Phoenix Civic Center 220 N. Main Street, and Harry & David 5500 S. Pacific Hwy. The Medford location is open Monday – Saturday 8am to 6pm, the Talent/Phoenix locations are open Monday – Sunday 8am to 6pm, and the Harry & David location is open Monday – Sunday 9am-6pm. • Additional Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assistance Programs and Individual & Households Programs ○ See FAQs at https://www.disasterassistance.gov/help/faqs
<p>State of Oregon News</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildfire Survivors: Apply for FEMA even if you have insurance • Oregon Environmental Quality Commission approved two actions designed to help speed recovery work removing debris from residences destroyed • Quarantine paid-leave program accepting applications • Wildfire Recovery: Replacing lost or missing documents • Additional State News can be found on the State’s Newsroom site.
<p>Community Resources</p>	<p>RogueValleyRebuilds.org – This website under the Resources tab has an extensive list of community resources for food, housing, monetary assistance and more. In addition, there is resource information on the home page as well as under the Recovery section.</p> <p>Fire Damage Assessment Dashboard. This interactive mapping tool will allow anyone with internet access to quickly locate and view the extent of damage to individual properties. In addition to information for individual properties, the dashboard also provides overall statistics for the region.</p> <p>Right of Entry Questions – Call 1-682-800-5737</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Questions – Call EPA at 541-225-5549 ♦</p> <p>Wildfire Insurance Resources – Advocacy Line 1-888-877-4894 8am to 5pm every day ♦</p>