

**Daily Situational Report – Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**ALMEDA FIRE**

Lead Agency: Jackson County Emergency Operation Center

<i>Status as of 9/23/20</i>	
State Date/Time	09/08/20, 11:04 AM
Containment	<b>100%</b>
Acreage	3,200
Cause	Under Investigation
Civilian Fatalities	3
Civilians Affected	42,412
Preliminary Damaged Property (subject to change)	2,748 total properties

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and <https://www.facebook.com/AlmedaFire/>

**OBENCHAIN FIRE**

Lead Agency: Oregon State Fire Marshal, NW Incident Command Team 8

<i>Status as of 9/23/20</i>	
State Date/Time	09/08/20, 1:59 PM
Containment	<b>80%</b>
Acreage	32,671
Cause	Under Investigation
Incident Type	Wildfire
Preliminary Damaged Property (subject to change)	39 residential structures/56 other structures

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<https://www.facebook.com/SouthObenchainFire>

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7185>

**Emerging Conditions and News**

- **[MARC \(Multi-Agency Resource Center\) Is Opening Tomorrow \(9/24\)](#)**! MARC will be at the old Central Medford High School at 815 S. Oakdale Ave. Representatives from FEMA, local insurance agencies, city representatives, and the Red Cross will be available to help provide fire relief assistance. Satellite locations will be at Phoenix Civic Center, Talent Elementary and River House in Shady Cove.
- **[Press Release](#)**: Learn more about why the residential/commercial property damage assessment was completed and how many properties were assessed as part of this process!
- **The Public (government, special districts, etc.,) Infrastructure Damage Assessment**. Reminder due tomorrow September 24<sup>th</sup> to [Jackson County Emergency Manager](#).

**Almeda 100% Contained**

- **[Evacuation Level Status](#) – No Change**. All remaining areas of the fire have been downgraded to a Level I evacuation level and all major road closures have been removed. While areas have been reopened, we strongly recommend citizens use caution when entering a burn area as hazards still exist.

**South Obenchain 80% Contained**

- Visible flames and smoke will persist within the fire perimeter until a season-ending rain or snow event. All perimeters around the fire are in mop-up and/or patrol status. Please contact 911 if flames are actively spreading and life or property are threatened.
- **[Evacuation Level Status](#)** - All properties East of North and South Obenchain Roads within the burn area remain at a Level 3 "Go!"

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

<p><b><u>MARC and Other Local Resources</u></b> ♦</p>	<p>Jackson County, in partnership with local cities and the Medford School District are opening a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) to assist victims of the Almeda and Obenchain Fires. The <b>MARC will be at the old Central Medford High School at 815 S. Oakdale Ave.</b> Visitors to the MARC should park in the lot on Kenyon Street near Spiegelberg Stadium. The <b>MARC will be open seven days a week starting Thursday, Sept. 24 from 8AM - 8PM.</b> Representatives from FEMA, local insurance agencies, city representatives, and the Red Cross are set up to walk visitors through the fire relief assistance process.</p> <p>The Phoenix Civic Center, Talent Elementary School and the River House in Shady Cove will have resources for residents as well.</p>
<p><b>Federal Support (FEMA) Status and Resources</b></p>	<p><b><u>Individuals &amp; Households Assistance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals: <a href="#">Assistance Programs</a> and <a href="#">Individual &amp; Households Programs</a></li> <li>○ Individuals impacted, if you have insurance contact your insurance first and get claim started</li> <li>○ Then register on the FEMA website: <a href="https://www.disasterassistance.gov/">https://www.disasterassistance.gov/</a> and select 'APPLY'</li> <li>○ See FAQs at <a href="https://www.disasterassistance.gov/help/faqs">https://www.disasterassistance.gov/help/faqs</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Program Status to Date</b> (Subject to Change)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 2,106 Individuals &amp; Households have registered in Jackson County</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Infrastructure Damage Assessment Process</b></p>	<p>The County is the lead on a multi-jurisdictional team to complete the public infrastructure damage assessment process using the approved FEMA process and that effort started 9/16 and is due to the County by 9/24. If your jurisdiction or organization (non-federal entities) have not received the damage assessment form or been contacted, please reach out to the Jackson County Emergency Manager at <a href="mailto:BeltSA@jacksoncounty.org">BeltSA@jacksoncounty.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Shelter &amp; Evacuation Center</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Expo Location</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responsibility:</b> Jackson County and the Red Cross are working together to manage the Evacuation Center at the Expo.</li> <li>• <b>Location:</b> Jackson County Expo <b>Phone:</b> 541-774-8270 <b>Address:</b> 1 Peninger Road Central Point, OR</li> <li>♦ <b>Citizens Utilizing:</b> Approximately 200</li> <li>• <b>Services:</b> Shelter, food, shower, laundry</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Phoenix Location</b> ♦</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Responsibility:</b> Red Cross</li> <li>• <b>Location:</b> Phoenix Elementary School <b>Address:</b> 215 N. Rose St, Phoenix, OR</li> </ul>
<p><b>State of Oregon News</b></p>	<p>♦ <a href="#">State issues insurance emergency order for wildfire victims</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Fees waived for replacing some vital records lost to wildfires.</a> The State Vital Records office will provide up to three certified copies of a birth, death, marriage, divorce, domestic partnership or dissolution of domestic partnership free of charge if the record is requested in connection with the wildfire response.</li> <li>• <b>How to help during the wildfires.</b> If you are considering monetary donations, a guide to safe giving is available at <a href="#">this link</a>. Other ways to help: check on your neighbors; donate to a community-based organization; collect goods to help evacuees; donate to organizations that help houseless people; use social media share <a href="#">ready.gov/plan</a>; and kids can help their friends <a href="#">ready.gov/kids</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">OHA releases and provides links to resources related to Fires and Smoke.</a> Resources include links to <i>Returning to a Home that Survived a Wildfire (DEQ)</i> and <i>Safely Managing Ash and Debris from Burned Buildings (DEQ)</i>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Affected Oregonians may enroll in health coverage due to Oregon wildfires.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Oregon Building Codes Division can help people locate manufactured home ownership documents.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Non-profit, government, school districts other resources</b></p>	<p><b>Rogue Credit Union Grant funds for Southern Oregon Fire Relief.</b> Rogue is administering grant fund for local non-profit organizations, governments, or school districts. The deadline for proposals is Friday, October 2, 2020 at 5pm. Please submit your applications <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
<p><b>U.S. Small Business Administration Resources</b></p>	<p>Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Oregon businesses and residents as a result of President Trump’s major disaster declaration, which covers Jackson County. The contact information for this service is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">       Virtual Business Recovery Center and        Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center        Monday – Sunday (7 days/week)        8 a.m. – 8 p.m. EDT  <a href="mailto:FOCWAssistance@sba.gov">FOCWAssistance@sba.gov</a>        (800) 659-2955     </p>

**Community Resources**

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[Shelter Information and Community Resources](#)

[United Way of Jackson County](#)

[Access](#)

[Jackson County Voters](#)

[Oregon Wildfire Resources](#)

[DMV](#)

[FEMA](#)

[Animal Information \(FOTAS\)](#) and [Jackson County Animal Services](#)

**Housing**

[Wildfire Damage Housing Relief](#)

[Housing Connection Portal](#)

**Property Taxes**

[Almeda, South Obenchain, Greenway MM 24, et al fires – Disaster Tax Relief](#)