

Situational Report – Friday, October 9, 2020

Emerging Conditions and News

Fire Information Website Launched to Help Rogue Valley Residents Rebuild. The new website for official wildfire recovery information is now available at RogueValleyRebuilds.org! The website brings together information from multiple organizations involved in the rebuilding effort. The website currently focuses on early-stage recovery efforts, such as debris cleanup, getting financial relief, and finding temporary housing. Over time, it will evolve to focus more on long-term rebuilding issues such as planning, permits, and construction.

Right of Entry. 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. The Right of Entry help line is 1-682-800-5737.

Hazardous Household Waste Removal. Beginning October 14 crews will begin arriving, and a soft-start for hazardous household waste removal will begin. All crews are expected to fully begin this waste removal starting on October 19.

Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) are Open. FEMA team members 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, and Phoenix Civic Center 220 N. Main Street. The locations are open seven days a week from 8 am to 6pm. We encourage survivors to register with FEMA at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

Expo Indoor Sheltering has been Closed. On October 6, the Red Cross transitioned the congregate (indoor) sheltering at the Expo to placing people in a non-congregate shelter locations (hotels). Community members needing sheltering assistance should contact the Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS, or visit www.redcross.org.

Sheltering Taskforce. The Sheltering Taskforce had their second meeting yesterday. The Taskforce is working on identifying other housing/hoteling initiatives that are occurring in our community and helping to ensure that those impacted community members not in Red Cross assisted sheltering are linked with resources that are being provided by Red Cross and FEMA.

Housing Options. The RogueValleyRebuilds.org website explains the 3 phases of housing (Emergency Shelter, Temporary Housing and Permanent Housing) and provides links to resources. The State has formed a Housing Taskforce for fire recovery and there are dozens of local initiatives to assist in this effort.

Environmental Protection/Greenway. Aerial seeding of all public lands adjacent to Bear Creek will occur next week and the county has procured two miles of straw wattles for more intensive erosion control measures. Jackson County is collaborating with DEQ, EPA, ACOE and FEMA on a response to multiple environmental concerns along Bear Creek due to the Almeda Fire. Focus currently is on identifying commercial and residential pollution sources, mitigating needed area south of Talent, and identifying resources needed for a broad erosion mitigation strategy.

Quick Facts		
Red Cross RV sites	90 individuals (10/8)	Damage Assessment (10/9) 3,614 Properties Assessed 2,659 Destroyed 19 Properties Major Damage 74 Properties Minor Damage 57 Properties Affected 787 Properties Unaffected
Red Cross Non-congregate	175 Rooms, 318 Individuals (10/8)	
Red Cross Meals/Snacks	784 meals, 350 snacks (10/7)	
Individuals & Households in Jackson County Registered with FEMA	3,246 registrations, 1,752 inspections completed (10/8)	
Right of Entry Forms Submitted	233 digital, 19 hard copies (10/8)	

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

<p>Federal Individual Support (FEMA)</p>	<p>Individuals & Households Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register online: https://www.disasterassistance.gov/ • Additional Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assistance Programs and Individual & Households Programs ○ See FAQs at https://www.disasterassistance.gov/help/faqs
<p>FEMA Category Permanent Work Categories</p>	<p>♦ Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be requesting permanent work categories (C-G) be added for Jackson County. This will allow permanent work such as building repair costs to be included during the process for seeking reimbursement from FEMA. Category A (Debris Removal) and Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) have been approved.</p>
<p>FEMA Community Disaster Loan (CDL)</p>	<p>♦ The Governor’s Office sent a letter to FEMA to request the activation of the Community Disaster Loan Program. This program was created 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.</p>
<p>State of Oregon News</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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>U.S. Small Business Administration Resources</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 align="center"> Virtual Business Recovery Center and Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center Monday – Sunday (7 days/week) 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. EDT FOCWAssistance@sba.gov (800) 659-2955 </p>
<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>Unemployment Assistance – Wildfire-Related Disaster. The Oregon Employment Department has officially launched wildfire-related Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). They are now accepting applications.</p>

[Fire Damage Assessment Dashboard Now Available](#). 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.

Help line is open to help citizens register for citizen alert. Call 541-776-7338 to get assistance with signing up for [citizen alert](#) and get general fire questions answered.