



Oregon Larch Creek Wildfire July 11, 2024

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Press release July 10, 2024

“Governor Kotek invokes the Emergency Conflagration Act in response to Larch Creek Fire”

Governor Tina Kotek invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act on the evening of July 9, 2024, in response to a wildfire in Wasco County: the Larch Creek Fire. The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Larch Creek Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Wasco County commissioners and the state fire marshal concurred with that request.

“Oregonians across the state have been battling unusually high temperatures over the past week, which increased the threat of wildfire,” Governor Kotek said. “I authorized an emergency conflagration to allow additional resources to fight the Larch Creek Fire. I want to extend my gratitude to Wasco County, Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Department of Forestry, and our federal wildfire protection partners for working around the clock to keep Oregonians safe.”

A link to Executive Order 24-11 can be found [here](#).

Following ORS 476.510-476.610, Governor Kotek determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the fire, and the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment. The governor’s declaration cleared the way for the state fire marshal to mobilize resources through the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System to support local fire service agencies on scene. This conflagration is declared only for the Larch Creek Fire threatening structures in Wasco County.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Green Incident Management Team was mobilized. Along with the local responding agencies, four structural task forces from Clackamas, Linn, Multnomah, and Washington counties were sent to the fire. The incident management team arrived and was briefed Tuesday night.

For the latest on evacuations, please check the [Wasco County website](#).”

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American Red Cross

Central and Eastern Oregon Chapter
815 SW Bond Street, Suite 110
Bend, OR 97702
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Open Shelters:

South Wasco County High School
699 4th Street
Maupin, OR 97307

Department of Transportation

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These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

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(800) 621-3362

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Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

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American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

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National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).



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The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.