

# Oregon Falls Wildfire Grant and Garney Counties July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

#### Office of the Governor

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Press release posted on Governor Kotek's website on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

"Governor Kotek Declares Extended State of Emergency Due to Imminent Threat of Wildfire

Emergency declaration permits use of all necessary and appropriate resources of the State of Oregon to support wildland fire response

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Today, Governor Tina Kotek declared a state of emergency because of the imminent threat of wildfire beginning on July 12, 2024, and continuing through October 1, 2024.

"Wildfires are active across Oregon and are growing at a concerning pace. Hot and windy conditions this weekend, including forecasted lightning in some areas, are threatening even larger wildfires," Governor Kotek said. "I am declaring a State of Emergency to access state resources for communities across Oregon as we respond to this year's escalating wildfire season.

"Throughout the summer, it will inevitably get hotter and drier, presenting an even greater risk of catastrophic wildfires. The best way to limit wildfire impacts on our communities, natural areas, and first responders is to be aware of the conditions and prevent wildfires from starting.

"I urge all Oregonians to follow the instructions and evacuation levels issued by emergency officials, subscribe to emergency alerts on ORAlert.gov, have an evacuation plan, prepare a go-kit, and stay aware of changing conditions."

A link to Executive Order 24-13 can be found here.

Following ORS 401.165 et seq., Governor Kotek determined that the State of Oregon is in a critical fire danger situation, threatening life, safety, and property because of extreme high temperatures. The state has experienced wildfires this season resulting in three state conflagration declarations and two federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations, several community evacuations, threatened and damaged structures, and critical infrastructure.

Oregon's neighboring states of California, Idaho, and Washington continue to experience similar fires and weather. The extended weather forecast for Oregon predicts ongoing warm and dry conditions, creating an imminent fire threat across a large portion of the state.

This declaration directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) to support access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, lessen, or recover from conditions caused by this emergency and to meet requests by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), the Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), and/or county and tribal emergency management to support response needs to respond to or lessen the effects of, the wildfire emergency as described in the state's Emergency Operations Plan.

The Oregon National Guard will deploy, and redeploy, firefighting resources as needed and following Operations Plan Smokey 2024 throughout the remainder of the fire season based on need.

Those who believe they have been charged excessively high prices for essential consumer goods during this emergency are encouraged to report violations to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Services, which has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices."

# Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Emergency Management of Grant County
530 E Main Street
John Day, OR 97845
(541) 620-1074
Emergency Management | Grant County, OR (grantcountyoregon.net)
Grant County Emergency Management | Facebook

Posted on Facebook on 7/20/24

"Oregon Department of Emergency Management is with Grant County Emergency Management and 3 others

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# Want to see a map with relevant information about fire activity in and around Oregon?

Check out our wildfire monitoring dashboard depicting current wildfire activity, such as locations of wildfires and evacuations across Oregon.

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<u>State of Oregon Fires Portfolio | Oregon Department of Emergency Management (arcgis.com)</u>"

#### **Emergency Management Services of Harney County**

450 N Buena Vista Burns, OR 97720 (541) 413-3601

Emergency Management Services | Harney County, Oregon (harneycountyor.gov) Harney County, Oregon | Facebook

#### American Red Cross

Southwest Oregon Chapter (serves both counties) 72B Centennial Suite 200 Eugene, OR 97401 (541) 344-5244

Southwest Oregon Chapter | Cascades Region | American Red Cross

Red Cross Cascades Region | Portland OR | Facebook

Red Cross Cascades Region Twitter

Please see the following link for the most updated information on available shelters: <u>Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross</u>

**Open Shelters:** 

**Grant Union High School** 911 S Canyon Blvd John Day, OR 97845

# **Department of Transportation**

Oregon Department of Transportation 355 Capitol Street NE, MS 11 Salem, OR 97301 (888) 275-6368

Oregon Department of Transportation: Home: State of Oregon

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Please see the following link for updated traffic conditions: Road & Weather Conditions Map | TripCheck - Oregon Traveler Information

# **United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines**

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 <u>Call 211 for Essential</u> <u>Community Services | United Way 211</u>.

Oregon 211 Info (serves both counties)

211info - Connect. Inform. Empower.

Call 211 or (503) 222-5555

Text your zip code to 898-211

# Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

FEMA.gov

Please visit the website and click on "Disaster Declarations". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: <a href="Individual Assistance">Individual Assistance</a> | FEMA.gov to apply online.

# DisasterAssistance.gov

#### Home | disasterassistance.gov

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.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: <u>Search Your Location | FEMA.gov</u>

# **American Red Cross National**

(800) 733-2767

American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters

#### **National Weather Service**

Weather alerts by state are available at: Active Alerts (weather.gov).

#### **The Weather Channel**

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.

#### Safe Travel USA

SafeTravelUSA

#### **National Traffic And Road Closure Information**

National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration (dot.gov)

# **Free Help Line**

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

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 <a href="https://www.liveandworkwell.com">https://www.liveandworkwell.com</a>.