



## Oregon Durkee Wildfire July 25, 2024

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Press Release, July 25, 2024:

#### ***“Governor Kotek Invokes the Emergency Conflagration Act for Durkee and Battle Mountain Complex Fires***

*Durkee and Battle Mountain Complex Fires burning in Baker, Malheur, Grant, Umatilla Counties*

*Governor Tina Kotek invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act on the morning of July 20 in response to the Durkee Fire and on the afternoon of July 21 in response to the Battle Mountain Complex, which includes the Monkey Creek, Snake and North Fork Owens fires. The Durkee Fire in Baker County has now combined with the Cow Valley Fire burning in Malheur County.*

*The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the fires are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Baker Fire Defense Board and the Grant County Fire Defense Board. The State Fire Marshal concurred with those requests.*

*“The wildfires in Eastern Oregon have scaled up quickly,” Governor Kotek said. “We are facing strong erratic winds over the region that could impact all fires. Rain is not getting through. Some communities do not have power. The situation is dynamic, and the teams on the ground are taking it day by day. I have deployed resources from the National Guard that are currently serving eastern and southwestern Oregon. I know these communities are supporting one another, doing their part to heed the guidance from officials and showing tremendous gratitude for our firefighters.”*

*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 declarations clear 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.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) has received requests from Baker County to help meet immediate emergency management needs, including sending evacuation alerts to community members. OEM staff are working with local officials to ensure critical information reaches residents promptly and effectively.

A link to Executive Order 24-17 can be found [here](#).

A link to Executive Order 24-18 can be found [here](#).

For a real-time assessment and planning tool, visit the state's [Real-Time Assessment and Planning Tool \(RAPTOR\)](#). Sign up for notices at [ORAlert.gov](#) to stay informed about evacuation levels. For local evacuation updates, refer to county sheriffs:

- [Umatilla](#)
- [Harney](#)
- [Grant](#)
- [Wheeler](#)
- [Baker](#)
- [Gilliam](#)
- [Morrow](#)
- [Malheur](#)

## **Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency**

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Salem, OR 97302  
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[Oregon Department of Emergency Management : OEM Home Page : State of Oregon](#)  
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Baker County Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
2200 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Baker City, OR 97814  
(541) 523-0015

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Posted on Facebook July 25, 2024:

*“Durkee Fire (West side of I-84) Information Phone Number: 541-208-4371*

*Badlands Fire Complex (East side of I-84 Includes Thompson, Coyote, and Powder fires) Information Phone Number: 541-362-1507*

*Our community's overwhelming support and desire to contribute during the wildfires is greatly appreciated. However, the firefighters' needs are being met within the fire camps. Please direct your assistance to checking on neighbors, being kind to one another, and offering support. If there are any outstanding needs please call the Baker County Call Center at 541-523-0015."*

Malheur County Emergency Management Division  
151 "B" St. West  
Vale, OR 97918  
(541) 473-5120

[Emergency Management – Malheur County Oregon](#)  
[Malheur County Emergency Management | Vale OR | Facebook](#)

Posted on Facebook July 25, 2024:

["Malheur County Sheriff's Office](#)

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*Evacuation update 7/25/24*

*All evacuation recommendations for the Durkee and Cow Valley fires in MALHEUR COUNTY ONLY are lifted.*

*We do have some additional small fires in the County from yesterdays lightning. We will continue to monitor them and put information out as needed.*

*Fire danger is still very high so please be mindful of that in everything you do. There is a county wide burn ban in place which includes burning in well irrigated areas. Please DO NOT BURN."*

## **American Red Cross**

American Red Cross of Idaho and East Oregon  
5380 W. Franklin Rd  
Boise, ID 83705  
(208) 947-4357

[Idaho and East Oregon Region | American Red Cross](#)

### **Open Shelters:**

- Malheur County:  
Treasure Valley Community College (Four Rivers Cultural Center)  
676 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Ontario, OR 97914

- Baker County:  
Church of the Nazarene- Family Life Center  
1250 Hughes Lane  
Baker City, OR 97814

## **Department of Transportation**

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

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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 [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

Oregon 211 Info  
[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: [Individual Assistance | 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: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

## **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 <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.