

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Bridge Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Region 9 Administrator authorized the use of federal funds on September 10 at 9:18 p.m. PDT and on September 11 at 12:18 a.m. EDT to assist the state of California in combating the Bridge Fire, which is burning in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

On September 10, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 4,847 homes in Wrightwood and Mount Baldy in San Bernardino County, and 300 homes in and around Camp Williams, Mount Baldy Village, and Thompson Ranch in Los Angeles County. These areas have a combined population of over 5,800. One hundred percent of the threatened homes are primary residences.

The fire started on September 8, 2024, and had burned more than 34,239 acres, 80-90% of which is state and private land.

FMAGs provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. The Disaster Relief Fund provides allowances for FMAGs through FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to become major incidents.

Eligible costs covered by FMAGs can include expenses for field camps, equipment use, materials, supplies and mobilization and demobilization activities attributed to fighting the fire. For more information on FMAGs, visit fema.gov/assistance/public/fire-management-assistance.

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