

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Bobcat Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized the use of federal funds to assist the state of California in combating the Bobcat Fire burning in Los Angeles County.

On Sept. 13, 2020, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Bobcat Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 28,000 homes in and around the communities of Arcadia, Altadena, Azusa, Duarte, Flint Ridge, Monrovia, Pasadena and Sierra Madre. The fire also threatened high-voltage power transmission lines, federal and state communications infrastructure on Mt. Wilson and Mt. Disappointment, and the Angeles National Forest.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Sept. 13, 2020, as the fire threatened to become a major incident.

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 cause major disasters. 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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