

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Park Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Region 9 Administrator authorized the use of federal funds on July 24 at 11:32 p.m. PDT / July 25 2:32 a.m. EDT to assist the state of California in combating the Park Fire burning in Butte County.

On July 24, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 1,100 homes in and around the towns of Eco, Richardson Springs, and Cohasset, with a combined population of around 10,000. All the threatened homes are primary residences.

The fire started on July 24, 2024, and had burned more than 6,465 acres of state and private land. There are 15 other large fires currently burning uncontrolled within the state.

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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