

# FEMA Administrator Wraps Up Travel Out West for Wildfires, Mitigation Projects, COVID-19 Update

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor recently completed a visit with state, local and tribal officials in FEMA Regions [8](#), [9](#) and [10](#), where he received an up-close look at ongoing response activities for wildfires, COVID-19 and completed disaster mitigation projects in their states. The administrator made stops in Colorado and Wyoming earlier last week, before visiting Arizona and Oregon.

Two of FEMA's hazard mitigation grant application periods opened Sept. 30. The two grant programs total \$660 million. The Flood Mitigation Assistance grant and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, or BRIC, will provide funds to states, local communities, tribes and territories for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. These programs allow funding to be used on projects that will reduce future disaster losses.

"As emergency managers, we have experienced firsthand the dramatic increase in the number of disasters and the devastating impact across our nation. Investing in mitigation – through BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance, along with emphasizing opportunities in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Public Assistance 406 Mitigation program – is critical to achieving FEMA's mission," said FEMA Assistant Administrator for Mitigation Katherine Fox.

Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the new FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO) website. All applications must be submitted on [FEMA GO](#) no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Jan. 29, 2021.

## Discussing the Oregon Wildfires



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SALEM, Ore. (Oct. 4, 2020) -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor (right) speaks with U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio following a meeting with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown about the wildfires in Oregon.  
FEMA photo by Jeff Markham

## Meeting with Oregon Governor, State Leaders





SALEM, Ore. (Oct. 4, 2020) -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor discusses the ongoing response and support from FEMA, as Oregon battles wildfires throughout the state.

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## Speaking with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown





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## Assessing Wildfire Damage with Local Leaders in Oregon





TALENT, Ore. (Oct. 4, 2020) – FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor (center) and Jackson County Emergency Operations Director John Vial study fire-damaged areas in the Jackson County area during the administrator's visit to Oregon. U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and U.S. Rep. Greg Walden also look on.

FEMA photo by Jeff Markham

## FEMA Administrator Views Fire Damage in Oregon





TALENT, Ore. (Oct. 4, 2020) – FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor surveys a fire-damaged area in Oregon. The administrator met with community, local and state leaders to discuss the ongoing response to wildfires in the state.  
FEMA photo by Jeff Markham

## **FEMA Administrator Meets with Community, Local and State Leaders in Oregon**





MILL CITY, Ore. (Oct. 4, 2020) -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor meets with community members, local and state officials to discuss the ongoing response to wildfires in Oregon.

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## **FEMA Administrator Meets with FEMA Employees**



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SALEM, Ore. (Oct. 4, 2020) -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor meets with FEMA employees on the ground supporting the state's response to the Oregon wildfires.

FEMA photo by Jeff Markham

## **FEMA Administrator Meets Navajo Nation Tribal Leaders**







WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (Oct. 1, 2020) -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor (both photos, 2nd from left) meets with Navajo Tribal leaders to discuss the Navajo Nation's needs for the COVID-19 response and other emergency management priorities. Navajo Nation President Nez and Vice President Lizer are pictured at the table, along with FEMA Region 9 Administrator Bob Fenton. U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thurman Snyder

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## **FEMA Administrator Presents Check to Arizona Emergency Managers**





MESA, Ariz. (Oct. 2, 2020) -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor (2nd from right) presents the Mesa Fire and Medical Department with a check representing the awarding of an Assistance to Firefighter Grant that will help provide critical resources and training for the department.  
FEMA photo by Myung Kim

