

FEMA Begins Construction of Temporary Housing Site for Linn and Marion Wildfire Survivors

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SALEM, Ore. – FEMA has begun the construction of a site where the agency will provide temporary housing units to qualified survivor families from Linn and Marion counties. Once completed, the new site in Mill City is expected to hold up to 16 temporary housing units.

In addition to Linn and Marion counties, FEMA's Direct Housing mission is in the process of providing transportable temporary housing to qualified disaster survivors in Jackson and Lincoln counties. To date, 47 Jackson County families have been placed in temporary housing units in commercial parks and at one group site – similar to the one now under construction in Mill City in Linn and Marion counties.

Currently, 250 survivor families are approved to receive FEMA Direct Temporary Housing in the four counties. The number of qualified families has decreased over time as many households have located alternate temporary or permanent housing on their own.

To the degree possible, FEMA works to keep survivors as close as possible to their communities, schools and places of worship. Direct Temporary Housing is provided to survivors for up to 18 months from the date of the disaster declaration (until March 2022).

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585). Those who use a Relay service such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel should update FEMA with their assigned



number for that service. They should be aware phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number. Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish)

Disaster survivors affected by the Oregon wildfires and straight-line winds can also get personalized mitigation advice to repair and rebuild safer and stronger from a FEMA Mitigation Specialist. For information on how to rebuild safer and stronger or to inquire as to your new flood risk following a fire near you, email FEMA-R10-MIT@fema.dhs.gov, a FEMA Hazard Mitigation specialist will respond survivor inquiries. When rebuilding check with your local building official and floodplain administrator for guidance.

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