FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the LNU Lightning Complex

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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 LNU Lightning Complex burning in Napa County.

On Aug. 17, 2020, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the LNU Lightning Complex. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 205 homes in and around the eastern ridgeline of Napa Valley in Napa County, CA. The fire also threatened a water treatment plant and high-voltage transmission lines serving the cities of Napa and Calistoga.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Aug. 17, 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.

