

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Mill Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) regional administrator authorized the use of federal funds to assist the state of California in combatting the Mill Fire burning in Siskiyou County.

On Sept. 2, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 2,500 homes in and around Weed, CA. The fire also threatened the local water system, communications and electrical transmission lines; U.S. Route 97; Union Pacific Railroad; and Lake Shastina watershed.

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 a greater incident.

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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