

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 27 at 3:15 p.m. PDT / 6:15 p.m. EDT to assist the state of California in combating the Park Fire burning in Tehama County. The Park Fire was previously approved for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) on July 24, 2024, for Butte County.

On July 27, the state of California submitted a request for an additional Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Park Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 779 homes in and around the communities of Campbellville, Paynes Valley, Mineral, and Dales Ponderosa Sky Ranch, with a combined population of around 1,815. Ninety-nine percent of the threatened homes are primary residences.

The fire started on July 24, 2024, and has burned more than 350,000 acres of federal, state, and private land. There are 21 other large fires currently burning 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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