

FEMA Provides Funds for the 2020 Cameron Peak Wildfire Response

DENVER – FEMA has awarded \$2.6 million to the State of Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control to cover assistance costs for 143 state and local cooperating agencies and the Colorado National Guard while fighting the Cameron Peak wildfire in Larimer County. The funds are provided from the agency’s Public Assistance program under the major disaster declaration for Colorado issued on January 15, 2021, following the Cameron Peak and East Troublesome wildfires.

FEMA’s Public Assistance program reimbursements are made on a cost-sharing basis to states, counties, municipalities, tribes and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and restoration of infrastructure. The estimated total cost of the project is \$3.5 million. FEMA will provide 75 percent of the cost with the State of Colorado responsible for the remaining share.

Beginning in early September 2020, the Cameron Peak Fire burned over 208,000 acres in Larimer County. The FEMA grant will reimburse the State of Colorado for the cost of incident management and fire suppression activities undertaken by 143 state and local agencies and the Colorado National Guard.

FEMA has now approved more than \$22.27 million in Public Assistance grant funds for Cameron Peak and East Troublesome wildfire recovery efforts.

Additional information about FEMA’s Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.

