

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Lava Fire

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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 Lava Fire, which is burning in Siskiyou County.

On June 28, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Lava Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 2,100 homes in and around Lake Shastina, Mt. Shasta Vista and Carrick. The fire also threatened a local water supply, power lines and a major rail line in the area. Mandatory evacuations were in place for around 10,000 people.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on June 28, 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.

For more information on FMAGs, visit fema.gov/assistance/public/fire-management-assistance.

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