FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Sheep 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 Sheep Fire burning in Lassen County.

On Aug. 22, 2020, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Sheep Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 450 homes in and around the cities of Susanville and Janesville. The fire also threatened two schools, two power generation stations, transmission lines, and a watershed in the area.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Aug. 22, 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.

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

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