

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Pinehaven 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 Nevada in combating the Pinehaven Fire burning in Washoe County.

On Nov. 17, 2020, the state of Nevada submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Pinehaven Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 20,000 homes in and around the communities of Caughlin Ranch, Skyline and Riverview in the Reno area. The fire also threatened around 500 businesses, power lines, telecommunications infrastructure and the Galena River Watershed.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Nov. 17, 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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