

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted For Tinder Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized the use of federal funds to assist the State of Arizona to combat the Tinder Fire burning in Coconino County.

On April 29, 2018, the State of Arizona submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Declaration for the Tinder Fire. At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 700 homes in and around the unincorporated community of Blue Ridge. The fire was also threatening four businesses, two fire stations, two communication towers, two churches, and electrical distributions lines. Mandatory evacuations were issued for approximately 1,000 people and voluntary evacuations for 2,000 people.

The fire started on April 27, 2018, and has burned in excess of 1,200 acres of land. The fire was zero percent contained. There was one other large fire burning uncontrolled within the state.

The FEMA Regional Administrator determined the Tinder Fire threatened such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. The state's request was approved on April 29, 2018, at 8:26 PM PDT and was designated as FEMA-5236-FM-AZ.

Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs) provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. The Disaster Relief Fund provides funding 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 media inquiries related to FEMA's support to the fires, please contact (510) 627-7006.



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