

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted For Carr 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 California to combat the Carr Fire burning in Shasta County.

On July 23, 2018, the State of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Declaration for the Carr Fire. At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 180 homes in and around the community of French Gulch. The fire was also threatening 12 buildings, infrastructure, utilities, and watershed. Mandatory evacuations are taking place for approximately 440 people.

The fire started on July 23, 2018, and has burned in excess of 1,300 acres of state and private land. The fire is zero percent contained. There are four other large fires burning uncontrolled within the state.

The FEMA Regional Administrator determined the Carr Fire threatened such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. The state's request was approved on July 23, 2018, at 7:55 PM PDT and was designated as [FEMA-5259-FM-CA](#).

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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