

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Bond 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 Bond Fire burning in Orange County.

On Dec. 3, 2020, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Bond Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 8,500 homes in and around Silverado Canyon, Portola Hills and Foothill Ranch. The fire also threatened power distribution lines, Bee Canyon landfill and methane power plant, Rattlesnake Canyon Reservoir and Saint Michael's Abbey.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Dec. 3, 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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