FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Margo 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 Arizona in combating the Margo Fire burning in Pinal County.

On Apr. 8, 2021, the state of Arizona submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Margo Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 400 homes in and around Dudleyville, with mandatory evacuations in place for around 500 people. The fire also threatened 20 buildings, community infrastructure, and power distribution and transmission lines.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Apr. 8, 2021, 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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