

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Spur 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 Spur Fire burning in Yavapai County.

On May 27, 2021, the state of Arizona submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Spur Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 500 homes in and around Baghdad, AZ. The fire also threatened 15 business, a fire station, school and power transmission lines in the area. Mandatory evacuations were in place for around 750 people.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on May 27, 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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