

FEMA Provides \$2.4 Million To Northern Cheyenne Tribe for Richard Spring Fire Recovery

DENVER – FEMA has approved another \$2.4 million in Public Assistance funding as part of the recovery effort from the Richard Spring Fire which impacted the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and parts of southern Montana in August 2021. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued September 30, 2021. FEMA has provided more than \$4.26 million in total Public Assistance funds for the Richard Spring Fire recovery to date.

The FEMA Public Assistance funds were awarded to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe for the cost of repair work following last year's wildfire including the removal and replacement of approximately 100 miles of damaged barbed wire fencing and an above-ground water pipeline. The grant funds also cover the cost of removing burned trees that posed a safety hazard for work crews. FEMA approved additional funds to prevent future damage by utilizing metal fence posts and more substantial footings and corner reinforcement when replacing the destroyed fencing.

FEMA's Public Assistance reimbursements are made on a cost-sharing basis to states, tribes, counties, municipalities, and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and restoration of infrastructure. The approved federal grant represents 90 percent of the total cost of the project.

FEMA's Public Assistance program covers eligible disaster-related debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair or rebuilding of public facilities such as roads, bridges, water control facilities, buildings, equipment, public utilities, parks and recreational facilities.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.



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