FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Oak Fire

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) regional administrator authorized the use of federal funds to assist the state of California in combatting the Oak Fire burning in Mariposa County.

On July 22, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 1,540 homes in and around Midpines. The fire also threatened community water infrastructure, power transmission and distribution lines, cell towers, and a fire station.

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 become a greater incident.

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 <u>fema.gov/assistance/public/fire-management-assistance</u>.

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