

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant Approved for 2-7 Fire in Calaveras County

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region 9 Administrator authorized the use of federal funds to assist the State of California in combating the 2-7 Fire burning in Calaveras County.

On September 2, the State of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration for the 2-7 Fire. At the time of the request, the fire was threatening approximately 1,500 homes in and around Vallecito and Murphys. Mandatory evacuations had taken place for approximately 370 people. The fire started on September 2 and had burned more than 5,548 acres.

FMAGs provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. FMAGs are approved through FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to become major incidents.

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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