

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Griffin 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 Griffin Fire burning in Gila County.

On Aug. 25, 2020, the state of Arizona submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Griffin Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 250 homes in and around Globe, AZ, with mandatory evacuations in place for 100 people. The fire also threatened Globe State Prison, Gila County Fairgrounds, Globe Airport, Apache Gold Casino, a middle school, railways, water production facilities for the towns of Globe and Miami, and a watershed.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state's request on Aug. 25, 2020, 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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