



OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wildfire Recovery Update

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The Oregon Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with state and federal partners, distributes this update of collated and verified information on Oregon's wildfire recovery efforts.

Wildfire survivors start moving into ARCHES Inn in Northwest Salem

Twenty-four families and individuals displaced by the September 2020 wildfires in the Santiam Canyon will now have access to months of shelter thanks to the opening of the ARCHES Inn in Salem. Governor Brown was on hand on Dec. 6 to celebrate the event and wildfire survivors were able to start moving in on Dec. 13.

Owned and operated by the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, the shelter in the former Super 8 Motel on Hawthorne in Salem will provide residents with medical, mental and behavioral services for up to 90 days or longer in some cases. As more floors of the hotel are renovated, dozens of additional rooms will be available for survivors.

Most of the nearly \$6 million project cost was provided with funding from the Oregon Community Foundation as well as contributions from the City of Salem and \$750,000 from Oregon Housing & Community Services.

The ARCHES Inn is one of 19 hotels and motels being transformed into shelters as part of OCF's effort to use \$74.7 million in state funds to house wildfire victims and those experiencing chronic homelessness. OHCS is proud to be able to provide support for this effort.

BY THE NUMBERS

Sheltered Persons: 595

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services

Individuals in Direct Housing: 560

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

Hazardous Trees Removed: 89,939 (89%)

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Home Sites Cleared: 2,992 (99%)

Source: Oregon Department of Transportation

Individual Assistance Registrants: 25,251

Source: FEMA Direct Temporary Housing Program

IA Amount Approved: \$37.4 million

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Help during the holidays

The holidays can be difficult under normal circumstances and can be even harder for those displaced or struggling with loss after a fire. If you or your loved ones are feeling stressed or anxious this holiday season, there are places you can turn for help. The Oregon Dept. of Human Services has assembled a comprehensive list of community resources and helplines, all of which are confidential and offer translation services. You can also dial 2-1-1. We are all stronger, together!



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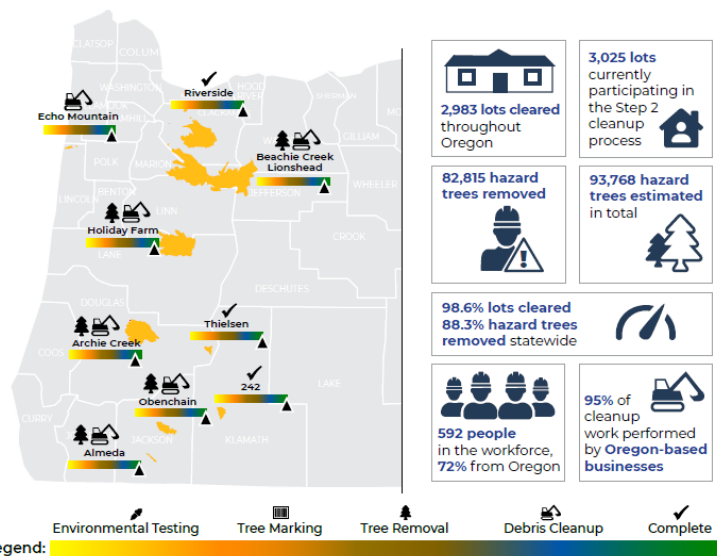
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Debris Management Task Force wraps up hazard tree operations

This week, ODOT-led Debris Management Task Force crews will wrap up hazard tree operations – nearly a year after starting operations and ahead of the initial 18-month estimated timeframe. Salvage log removal and some additional chip processing and cleanup efforts will continue for a few more weeks, but the tree removal and processing are now complete.

With significant progress made to help keep Oregon travelers and communities safe, Task Force-led debris removal and hazard tree work are now complete in the OR-224 corridor. The holidays will bring a brief work pause for other wildfire highway corridors; primarily for OR-22, OR-126 and OR-138, operations will pause to allow for efficient holiday travel, though delays can still be expected. Travelers should check [TripCheck](#) for the most current conditions.

Visit [debriscleanupnews.com](#) for the latest information, including a [heartwarming story](#) out of the Santiam Canyon.



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Dark Horse comic book on NW wildfires

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and Dark Horse Comics have released a new comic book titled, *Without Warning! Wildfire*. Addressing what to do before and during a Northwest wildfire, the comic is third in a series of educational and entertaining comic books promoting emergency preparedness. Empowering every



Oregonian – including youth – to reduce their risk, be ready, and know what to do when disaster strikes is critical to staying safe. Kids and teens who are prepared often experience less anxiety and feel more confident during actual emergencies and disasters. *Without Warning! Wildfire* is available to [download for free on OEM's website](#) in English and Spanish. Printed copies are available in English and Spanish through [Clackamas Community College](#) and [Keep Oregon Green](#).

OWEB accepting applications for 2020 post-fire recovery grants

During the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board received funding to provide grants to support natural resource recovery. OWEB is currently accepting applications for [2020 Post-Fire Recovery Grants](#), available to 13 areas impacted by 2020 wildfires. The Recovery Grants include two eligible categories of natural resources recovery:

- 2020 Post-Fire Upland and Riparian Replanting, including comprehensive replanting projects such as site preparation, planting, and plant stewardship.
- 2020 Post-Fire Floodplain Restoration, including floodplain restoration and reconnection activities.

The deadline for the first grant cycle for the OWEB 2020 Post-Fire Recovery Grants is 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2022.

