



Akawa Butte Fire - Oregon July 23, 2026

Office of the Governor

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Press release July 20, 2026:

"Governor Kotek Invokes Conflagration Act for the Akawa Butte and Brewer Fires

Salem, OR — On July 18, 2026, Governor Tina Kotek invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act for the Akawa Butte and Brewer fires in Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. The Central Oregon Fire Defense Board chiefs requested assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection, and the state fire marshal concurred with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510-476.610, Governor Kotek determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the fires, and the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment. The Governor's declaration allows the state fire marshal to mobilize resources through the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System to support local fire service agencies on scene. The conflagration was declared only for the Akawa Butte and Brewer fires in Deschutes and Jefferson Counties.

A link to Executive Order 26-17 can be found [here](#).

For evacuation updates, click [here](#) or visit the [Deschutes County Emergency Information page](#), or visit the [Jefferson County Emergency Management page](#). To sign up for alerts in your area, click [here](#). Get current information about this fire [here](#)."

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management
66 SE D Street
Madras, OR 97741
(541) 475-6520

[Emergency Management | Jefferson County Oregon](#)

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management
63333 West Hwy 20
Bend, OR 97703
(541) 693-6911

[Emergency Management Services | Deschutes County Sheriff](#)

American Red Cross

American Red Cross – Central and Eastern Oregon
815 SW Bond Street, Suite 110
Bend, OR 97702
(541) 382-2142

[Central & Eastern Oregon Chapter | Cascades Region | American Red Cross](#)

Open Shelters:

- Sisters High School
1700 W. McKinney Butte Rd.
Sisters, OR 97759

Department of Transportation

Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capitol Street NE, MS 11
Salem, OR 97301-3871
(503) 945-5000

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To view current traffic conditions and alerts, please visit [Road & Weather Conditions Map | TripCheck - Oregon Traveler Information](#).

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

211info
Dial 2-1-1 or (866) 698-6155
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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/individual-assistance) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/search-your-location)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](https://www.redcross.org/help-those-affected-by-disasters)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/alerts).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](https://www.weather.com)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](https://www.safetravelusa.com)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/traffic/)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.