

Washington State Wildfires September 15, 2020

Washington Wildfire Hotline: 1-800-562-6010

Washington Governor, Jay Inslee

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Olympia, WA 98504

360-902-4111

<https://www.governor.wa.gov>

<https://twitter.com/govinslee>

<https://www.facebook.com/WaStateGov>

September 10, 2020:

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation today in response to damage from several wildfires across the state. The proclamation will help families and individuals impacted by wildfires with cash assistance for immediate needs.

The assistance will be provided through DSHS' Family Emergency Assistance Program, which has been expanded to also serve individuals and waive the one-time distribution limitation.

"For families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the devastating wildfires ravaging our state, funding from the Family Emergency Assistance Program can be, quite literally, a lifesaver," Inslee said. "The state will continue to look for ways to support communities as we work together to recover from multiple economic and health emergencies."

For information on how to apply for assistance, please visit:

<https://medium.com/@webcommunications18/wildfire-disaster-cash-assistance-876d5f1f99d2>

August 19, 2020:

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statewide emergency proclamation today to ensure immediate response to multiple wildfires in Central and Eastern Washington, as well as the Olympic Peninsula.

"Wildfires are threatening the safety and livelihoods of Washingtonians all across the state," Inslee said. "And the COVID-19 pandemic has put additional strain on our resources, as some of our usual support is further limited due to international movement restrictions."

Firefighting resources throughout the state have been spread thin due to commitments to pre-existing and projected fire activity, and this current emergency is compounded by

extreme high temperatures and dry weather, as well as the increase of visitors to Washington wilderness areas.

The proclamation authorizes the activation of the Washington National Guard statewide in response to a request from the state Department of Natural Resources to help protect homes, public facilities and utilities, businesses, agriculture and natural resources.

"Due to hot, dry conditions and lightning storms, we have fires burning across Washington and existing firefighting resources are at capacity," said Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz. "We are so grateful to our partners at the National Guard who are answering the call and joining us on the fire lines. We train with them prior to wildfire season and know the skill and abilities they bring to the wildfire emergency facing so many communities right now."

The order remains in effect until September 30 at 11:59 PM.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Wildfires

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1111 Washington St. SE

Olympia, WA 98504

Wildfire Division Phone Number: (360) 902-1300

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/Wildfires>

https://twitter.com/waDNR_fire

For updates on air quality, please visit: <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com>

Washington Emergency Management Division

20 Aviation Dr #20

Camp Murray, WA 98430

(253) 512-7000

<https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division>

<https://twitter.com/WaEMD>

<https://www.facebook.com/WashEMD>

American Red Cross Northwest Region

<https://www.redcross.org/local/washington.html>

<https://twitter.com/RedCrossNW>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossNW>

South Puget Sound and Olympics

1235 S. Tacoma Way

Tacoma, WA 98409

(253) 474-0400

Central and Southeastern Washington

7202 W. Deschutes Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
(509) 783-6195

King County (Regional Office)

1900 25th Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98144
(206) 323-2345

Greater Inland Northwest

315 W. Nora Ave.
Spokane, WA 99205
(509) 326-3330

Northwest Washington

2530 Lombard Ave.
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 252-4103

Open Shelters:

Currently, there are no open shelters. To view updates on available shelters, please visit: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Department of Transportation

310 Maple Park Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98504
360-705-7000
<https://wsdot.wa.gov>
<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT>
<https://twitter.com/wsdot>

For updates on travel conditions, please call 511 or 800-695-7623. You may also visit: <https://www.wsdot.com/small>

For current interstate, highway, and local road alerts and closures, please visit: <https://www.wsdot.com/Small/TrafficAlert>

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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

211 Washington

302 W Lincoln Ave
Yakima, WA 98902
2-1-1 or 877-211-9274

<https://wa211.org>

https://twitter.com/washington_211

<https://www.facebook.com/211WA>

NATIONAL RESOURCES:**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
(800) 621-3362

<http://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 <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

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 <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters
2025 East Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767

<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “*List Myself as Safe and Well.*” Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “*Search Registrants.*”

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

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

The toll-free number, **866-342-6892**, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. 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>