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Media Advisory

Funding for Federal Fire Management Grants (FMAG) Made Available by FEMA to Assist in Fighting Caughlin Fire

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized the use of federal funds to help the City of Reno, Washoe County and State of Nevada fight the Caughlin Fire in Washoe County.

The authorization makes FEMA funding available to reimburse 75 percent of the eligible firefighting costs under an approved grant for managing, mitigating and controlling the fire.

At the time the state of Nevada submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant administered through the Nevada Division of Forestry, the fire was threatening 300 to 400 homes in and around the City of Reno. The fire was also threatening numerous buildings, equipment, infrastructure and utilities in the area. Mandatory and voluntary evacuations had taken place for approximately 2,000 to 3,000 people.

"FEMA Region IX remains in constant contact with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management to identify needs and provide ongoing support as requested," said FEMA Region IX Administrator, Nancy Ward.

The President's Disaster Relief Fund provides funding for FMAG grants made available by FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to cause a major disaster. Eligible firefighting costs, covered by the grant, must meet a minimum threshold for costs before delivery of assistance. Eligible costs covered by the aid can include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials and supplies; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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