Fire Management Assistance Grant Overview

What is Fire Management Assistance?

- Fire Management Assistance is available to States, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

What assistance is provided through an FMAG?

- The Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) provides a 75 percent Federal cost share and the State pays the remaining 25 percent for actual costs.
- Before a grant can be awarded, a State must demonstrate that total eligible costs for the declared fire meet or exceed either the individual fire cost threshold - which is applies to single fires, or the cumulative fire cost threshold, which recognizes numerous smaller fires burning throughout a State.
    - Submit 209s throughout the year to be able to track cumulative costs.

Timeliness of Reporting is Vital!

- Contact the KDEM SDO-785.291.3333 anytime, especially when:
    - Large, uncontained fire exists in your county;
    - A fire exists that under certain conditions or not extinguished will impact a populated area or critical infrastructure;
    - As soon as you know you may need, or currently need resource assistance.

    - Do not hesitate or wait to call!

FIRE INCIDENT DECISION CHECKLIST

Name of Caller:_____ Phone Number:_____
County/Tribe:_____ Incident Report Date/Time_____
Name of Fire/Complex _____
Date Fire Started_____ Is there a community threatened? __Yes __No
   If "yes" proceed to Questions below through Evaluation Factors for FMAG.
   If "no" proceed to questions below end prior to Evaluation Factors for FMAG.
Estimated Total Acres Burned_____ Level of Containment_____
Local Response_____
_____

Do you have or anticipate any need for State Assistance_____
_____

END CALL IF NO COMMUNITY THREATENED

EVALUATION FACTORS for FMAG:
Community Threatened/Population_____
Fire Proximity to Homes_____
Number Persons Currently Evacuated_____
Number of Primary Residences/Businesses Threatened_____
Threat to Critical Infrastructure or Resources_____
Threat to Facilities_____
NOTES_____
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JURISDICTION:
☐ On Federal Land   ☐ On State & Private Land   ☐ On Tribal Land
END CALL AND MAKE NOTIFICATION PER SDO DECISION MATRIX

PROGNOSIS: *OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE*
Weather Effects - winds_____ temperature_____ humidity_____
Weather Conditions and 24 Hour Forecast_____
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IF CALLER IS UNABLE TO ANSWER A QUESTION PLEASE NOTE "UNKNOWN" AND MOVE TO THE NEXT QUESTION.

Required Information

For FEMA to apply the evaluation criteria in 44 CFR 204.21, the following information:

- Size of fire(s) in acres or square miles;
- Name, location, and population of community(ies) threatened;
- Number of primary and secondary residences and businesses threatened;
- Distance of fire to nearest communities;
- Number of persons evacuated to date, if applicable;
- Current and predicted (24-hour) weather conditions; and
- Degree to which State and local resources are committed to this fire and other fires in Federal, State, or local jurisdictions.

- To further support a declaration request, the State may append additional documentation to the FF 078-0-1, including:
- Fire severity maps;
- Geographic, topographical, or land assessment maps; or
- Incident status summary report (ICS-209).

Who requests a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG)?

- KDEM will make the determination to request an FMAG through FEMA after the fire is reported to KDEM and it is determined that the incident meets the basic eligibility criteria.

Evaluation for Eligibility and Approval

- Threat to lives and improved properties and critical facilities and infrastructure;
- Availability of state and local firefighting resources;
- Fire Danger Conditions based on accepted indices such as the Haines Index;
- Potential major economic impact.

Fire Complex

- A State may submit a request for an FMAGP declaration for a fire complex. Pursuant to 44 CFR 204.3, all fires within the complex should be located in the same general area. All fires within a complex should be managed by the same Incident Commander, and should be approved under the fire declaration. Even though an entire complex may be designated in a declaration request, not all fires within the complex will automatically qualify.