

HOLIDAY FARM FIRE 2021 YEAR-END RECOVERY UPDATE

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Introduction

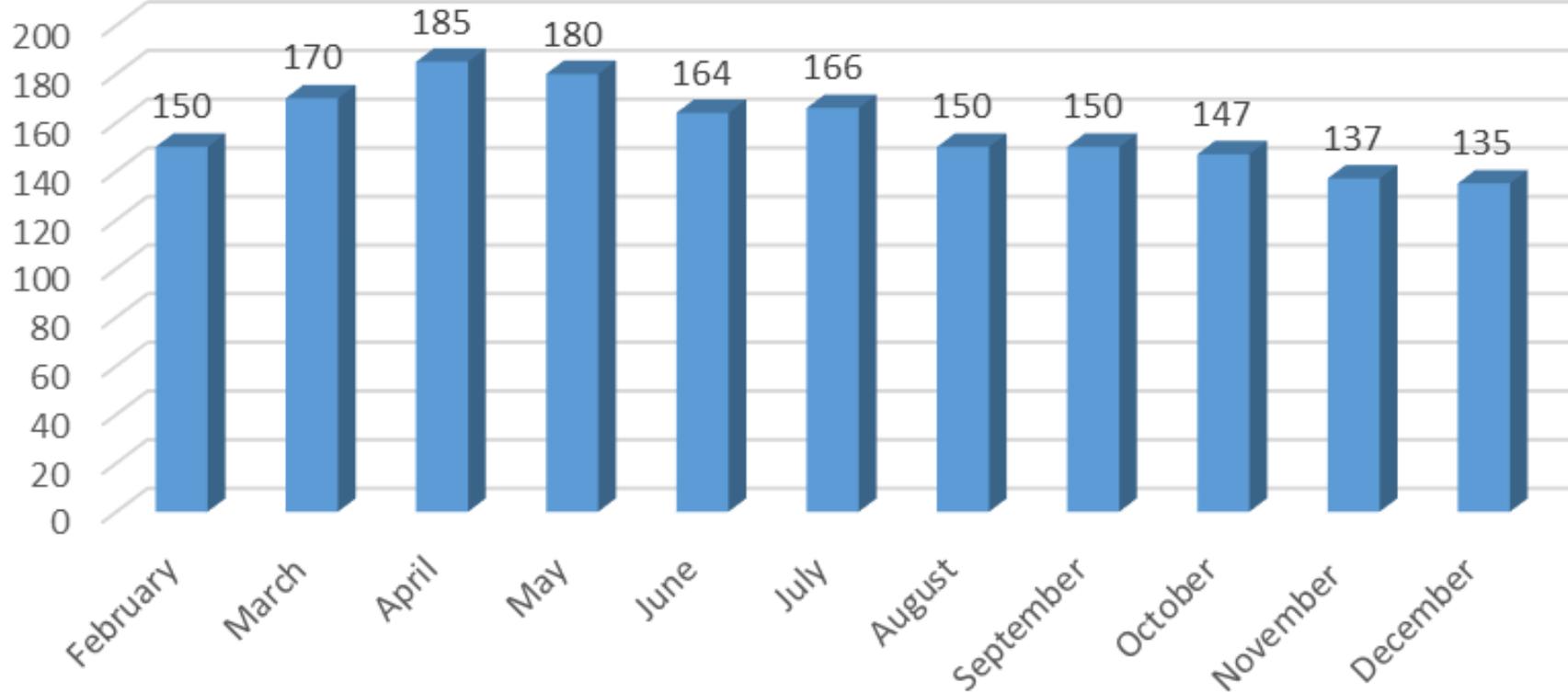
The Holiday Farm Fire burned more than 175,000 acres in and around the McKenzie River Valley in September 2020, displacing more than 1,000 residents and destroying 464 homes. The pages below summarize many of the recovery efforts over the year from January 2021 to December 2021.

Important caveats:

- This summary does not reflect everything that has happened in the last year – these are just some of the highlights.
- This summary reflects efforts of many agencies and non-profits working on Holiday Farm Fire recovery, not just the efforts of Lane County Government.
- As of December 1, 2021, more than 135 wildfire survivors are still sheltered in hotels in Eugene. Less than half of affected property owners have begun rebuilding. In short, there are hundreds of survivors still dealing with very difficult circumstances. Recovery has just begun and there remains a tremendous amount of work to do.

Survivors Sheltering in Hotels

Number of Holiday Farm Fire Survivors
Sheltering in Hotels



Year-end summary: Lane County Land Management Division Staffing and Fees

Land Management Division staff added:	2 Planners 2 Land Management Technicians 1 Environmental Health Specialist 1 Office Assistant 1 Permit Navigator
Permit fees waived:	Residential Permits Commercial Permits
Permit fees waived and reimbursed:	\$1,032,544 (as of December 5, 2021)

Year-end summary: Permits

Total Dwellings Lost in Holiday Farm Fire:	464	
Dwelling Permits Submitted:	182	(39%)
Dwelling Replacement Permits Issued:	166	(36%)
Dwellings Completed:	20	(4.3%)
Dwellings Permits "in review" or "submitted" Status:	16	
Total Number of Free Emergency RV Permits Issued:	82	

Year-End Summary: Properties Sold

Total number of properties affected by the Holiday Farm Fire: **600**

Total number of properties sold since September 7, 2020: **85**

Recovery Support: Communications

Within days of the fire, Lane County staff established McKenzie Rebuilds, a website dedicated to providing timely and accurate information for survivors to aid in their short-term and long-term recovery.



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Rebuilds**

[Rebuilding](#) [Property Cleanup](#) [Disaster Case Managers](#) [Financial Assistance](#) [Businesses](#) [Watershed](#)
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Start the rebuilding process here.

MEET WITH THE PERMIT NAVIGATOR FOR HELP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

VIEW RECOVERY MAP AND STATISTICS

The McKenzie River corridor is home to a vibrant network of communities and people.

We are committed to assisting residents through the rebuilding process.

Recovery Support: Communications

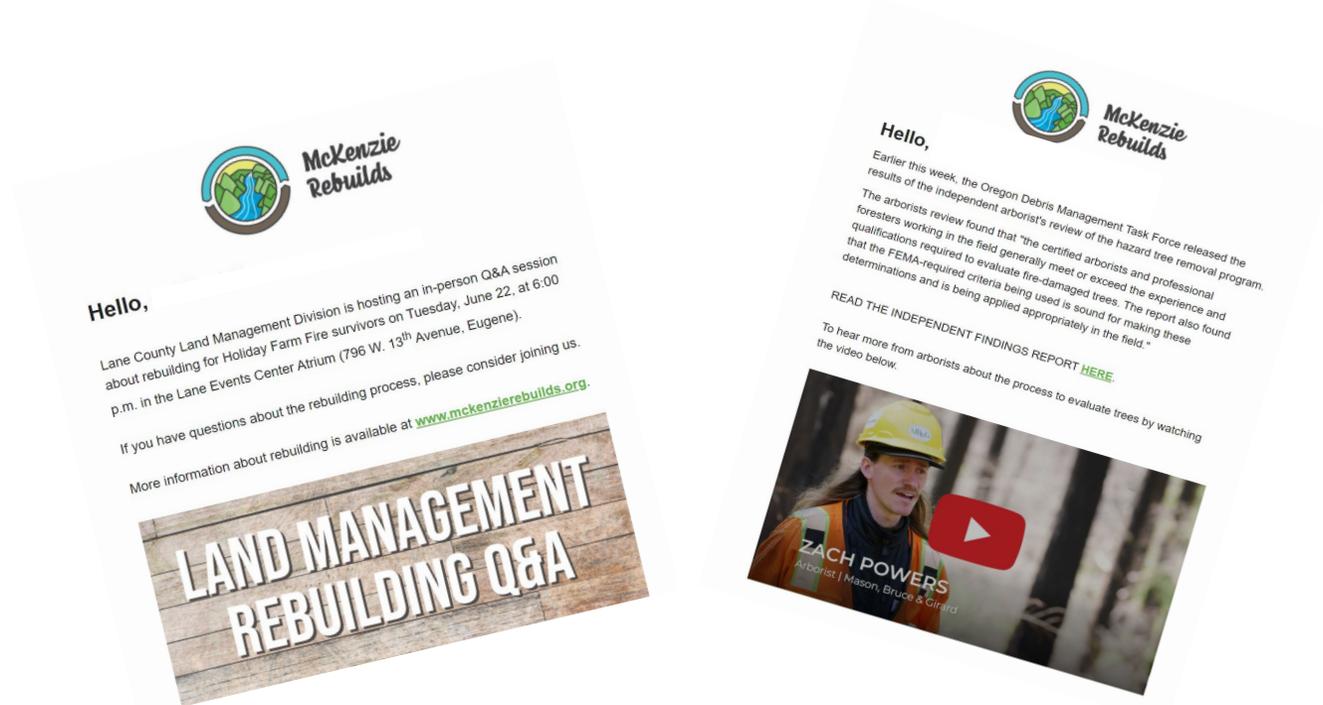
Number of Facebook Live recovery updates produced: **20+**

Topics include: Hazard tree operations, permitting, insurance, housing, sheltering, state support services, and more.



Recovery Support: Communications

Number of McKenzie Rebuilds e-newsletters sent: 49



Number of Public Forums hosted and attended: 7

Direct Support for Individuals and Families

Transition to long-term case management services

Multi-Agency Shelter Transition Team

Immediately following the fire, a Multi-Agency Shelter Transition Team (MASTT) began meeting with survivors to provide individualized case management services for those displaced families most in need of support.

Disaster Case Management

By Summer 2021, nine Disaster Case Managers were hired and MASTT services transitioned to Disaster Case Management. Working from offices in Eugene/Springfield, and an office in Blue River, these case managers are able to provide ongoing individualized support and referrals for any individuals or families displaced by the Holiday Farm Fire.

Funds Committed: Watershed Recovery

EWEB Board approved a Watershed Recovery surcharge:	\$12,300,000 (over 5 years)
McKenzie River Trust matching EWEB watershed recovery funds	\$3,000,000
State Legislature allocation for McKenzie watershed restoration	\$4,000,000

Funds Committed

State funds for wildfire recovery housing: \$100,380,000 statewide

Behavioral health grant for Holiday Farm Fire: \$250,000

Municipal Wildfire Assistance Program: \$737,284

Funds three county positions and two positions
at DevNW for Disaster Recovery Navigation

Funds for Lane Co. building and planning programs: \$755,319

Legislative funds to cover increased staffing

Funds Committed: Legislative Allocations

McKenzie Valley Wellness (for Orchid Health Clinic): The temporary medical clinic building in Rainbow is newly remodeled and open to see patients.	\$1,800,000
McKenzie Fire and Rescue Disaster Relief Logistics Center:	\$903,520,
Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District: For equipment and facility replacement	\$2,100,000
Drinking water and wastewater system replacements:	\$15,500,000
O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River:	\$1,400,000

Funds Committed: Legislative Allocations

State-allocated funds to reimburse lost property tax revenue related to the 2020 wildfires:

Blue River Water District	\$22,242
McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District	\$360,061
McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District Local Option	\$134,134
Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District	\$86,732
Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District Local Option	\$36,286
McKenzie School District	\$839,361
Lane County Government	\$425,929

Funds Committed: Legislative Allocations

Oregon Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency: **\$10,000,000 statewide**
Funds energy efficiency in replacement dwellings

Oregon Building Codes Division - Fire Hardening: **\$10,000,000 statewide**
Funds fire resistance measures in replacement dwellings

Community Development Block Grants – Disaster Recovery: **\$422,000,000 statewide**
HUD funds to be used primarily for housing

Holiday Farm Fire WRRRA housing program : **\$2,100,000+**
State funds will provide support for essential incidental and one-time housing costs including first and last rent, damage deposits, and more.

Funding requests in process

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

McKenzie River Community School – Building Improvements

McKenzie Fire and Rescue – Firewise landscaping

Lane County - Firewise communications

Eugene Water and Electric Board - Watershed restoration

EPA Technical Assistance Grant – Wastewater Treatment Design

Technical Assistance will provide an evaluation of wastewater treatment options for Blue River and other rural communities

Projects Completed: Pure Water Partners



Stabilized 139 high priority destroyed homes along the river



Installed nearly 300 erosion control structures on 123 properties

These numbers represent work completed between September, 2020 and April, 2021

Projects Completed: Pure Water Partners

Hydroseeded severely burned slopes on 19 properties



Completed 273 burn assessments



These numbers represent work completed between September 2020 and April 2021

Projects Completed: Pure Water Partners



Revegetated 90 riparian acres with
210,000 native plants across 89
properties

These numbers represent work completed between September 2020 and April 2021

Projects Completed

FEMA Direct Housing Mission

17 manufactured homes sited in the community of Rainbow opened to qualifying residents in Summer 2021.

Photo: Oregon Governor Kate Brown addresses an audience during an opening event at the FEMA Direct Housing Mission in Rainbow, Oregon.



Projects Completed

Hazard Tree Removal

30,000 Hazard Trees removed along Highway 126 by contract crews overseen by the Oregon Debris Management Task Force. Initial hazard tree removal along the highway is now complete.

Crews are now working to address roadside trees that died during the heat and drought in 2021.



Projects Completed



*Photos: Completed tower installation (above).
Project partners on site: (left to right) Lane Tompkins, Geoff Turner, Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch and Matt Sayre.*

Communications Tower

Communications infrastructure has been improved through a partnership between McKenzie School District and Elevate Technologies and funded by a grant from US Ignite's Project Overcome.

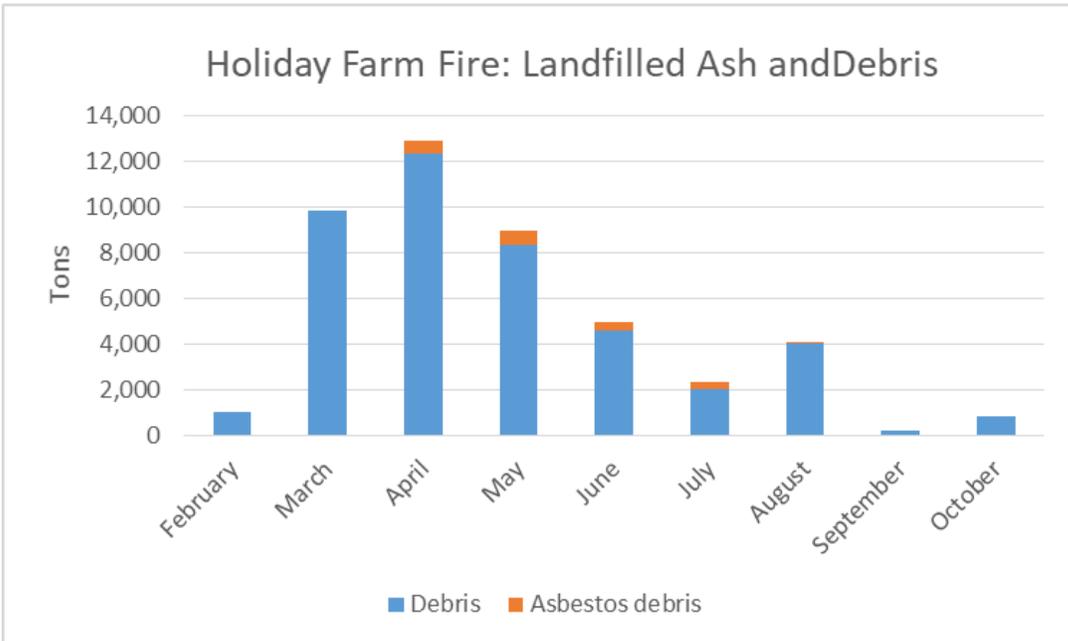
The new tower is initially serving a Citizens Band Radio Spectrum Broadband network for the McKenzie River Community School which should stretch from Finn Rock to McKenzie Bridge.

Projects Completed

Ash and Debris Removal

Publicly funded ash and debris clean up managed by Oregon Debris Management Task Force is complete.

Landfilled Debris: Total over 45,000 tons



Projects Completed



Lane County purchased a hotel with a grant from Oregon Community Foundation. The property was transitioned into "Bridges on Broadway," providing 50 units of transitional housing for wildfire survivors.

Projects Completed



The Lane County Housing Authority, Homes For Good, purchased Lazy Days Mobile Home and RV Park and a five-acre parcel in Blue River. Both will become sites for housing with priority given to those who were displaced by the Holiday Farm Fire. *Photo: View of Lazy Days property from the north.*

Projects Completed



51187 Blue River Dr. Vida, OR 97488

FREE Day Camp for kids entering 1-5th grade

STORY TELLING - NATURE, SCIENCE, ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS
RESILIENCY SKILLS - ARTS & CRAFTS - GAMES & SPORTS

Camp Noah is a program designed for children whose communities have been impacted by disaster. For more details visit: campnoah.org

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paid positions available!

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Three iterations of **Camp Noah**, a supportive youth summer camp, were provided during the summer of 2021 for youth affected by the Holiday Farm Fire.

Projects in the works

Oregon Solutions

Strategic Collaborative Problem Solving

Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) project

Unique project to capture the needs and concerns of underrepresented groups

Needs Assessment

McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group leading a comprehensive assessment

Long Term Recovery Plan

Draft plan under development

Wildfire Recovery Lessons Learned

Interviews in progress

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