Oregon Department
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Winter weather response and recovery

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January 2024 winter storm response and recovery

60 requests for assistance, active in over 92 efforts across 10 counties. Examples of OREM response and recovery include:

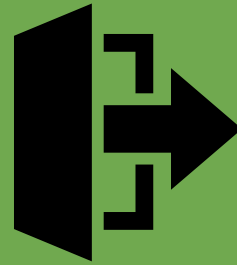|	
4,615 meals and 1,600 food boxes	161 warming centers registered with 211info statewide
9 OREM climate trailers deployed	2 community resource centers in Springfield and Eugene
Outreach to 379 homes	85 completed recovery survey; 43 referrals to case management

OREM approach to all emergencies

Keep people safe in their homes

If people must leave, give them options

Support people whose homes are damaged

Keeping people safe at home

- Blue sky planning

- Relationships

- ODHS continuity of operations

- Supplies, equipment and data

- Training

Building options for evacuees

- Support to local warming center operations

- Service integration with 211info

- Active checking on isolated people

- Evacuation assistance via ODHS programs, transportation providers and local emergency operations center

- Medical respite shelter

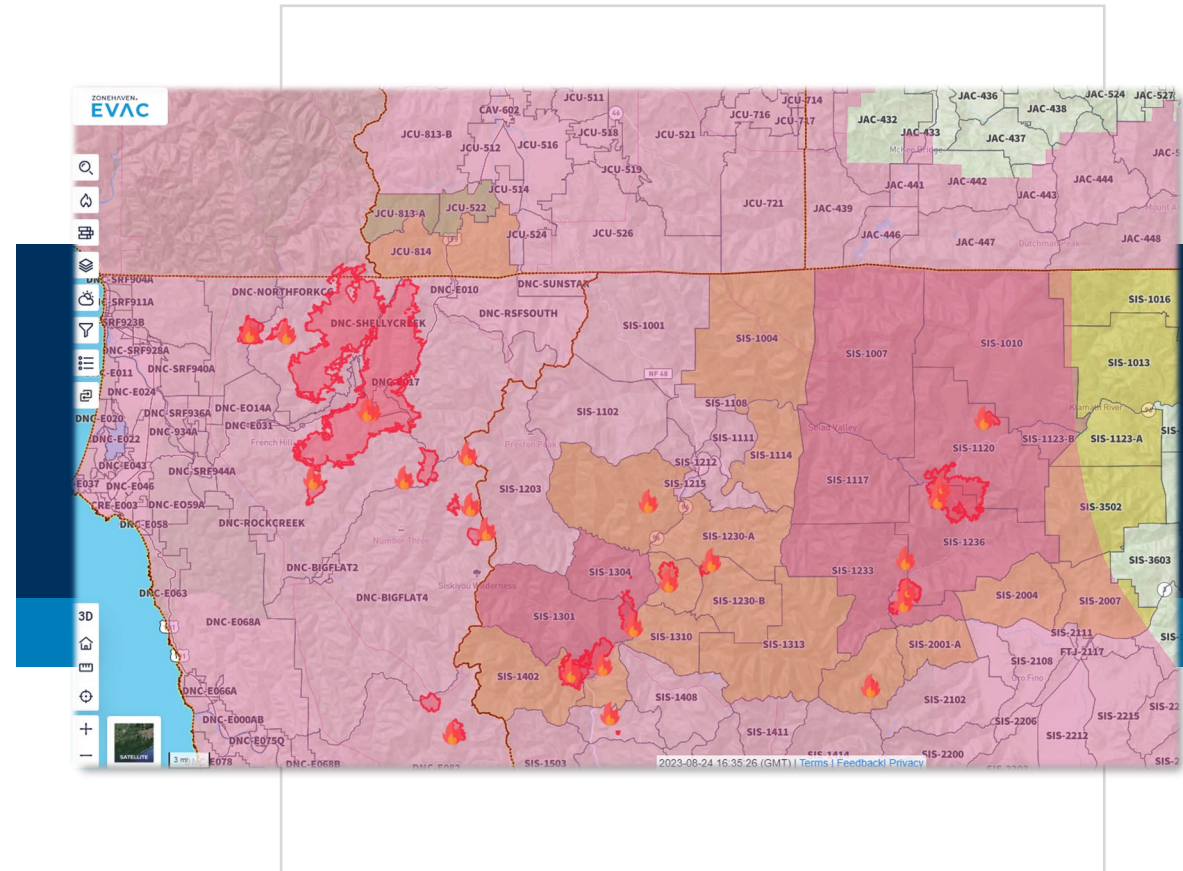- Resilience hubs and networks

When homes are damaged

- Impact assessment

- Assist local jurisdictions to establish and operate multi agency resource centers

- Assist with debris removal, temporary repairs and emergency assistance

- Support for ODHS clients

- Coordinate recovery through OREM Social Service Recovery Coordinators

New for winter 2024/25: Project EVAC

- Available to all 36 counties and Nine Tribes

- Software to help emergency managers with evacuation and reentry

- Emergency deployed to counties impacted by wildfire this summer

- Current implementation by county:
  - 5 complete, 13 in progress, 2 ready to start, 1 info requested, 15 not started

Looking forward

- OREM available to coordinate shelter support, but not shelter operation
- We know there aren't enough options/resources
- Some people don't want to go to a congregate shelter
- People want local resources
- We did a lot for communities in 2020- now we build capacity within communities
- Next phase: award all grants and build resilience networks

Questions?

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