

COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND REBUILDING

Welcome to the first edition of *Community Recovery and Rebuilding*. This is a newsletter produced jointly by the Jackson County Community Long-Term Recovery Group (JCC LTRG) and Reimagine & Rebuild Rogue Valley (R3V), two coalitions that include more than 40 organizations and individuals working on wildfire recovery in the Rogue Valley. We want to make survivors aware of resources for their individual recovery and the recovery of their communities.



Jackson County Community Long-Term Recovery Group Launches Assistance for Wildfire Survivors

The Jackson County Community Long-Term Recovery Group has launched a website at www.jccltrg.org to help those directly impacted by the Almeda and South Obenchain Fires.

To register for getting help, go to www.jccltrg.org and select “Get Help” or simply email recover@jccltrg.org. You will receive a response within 24 hours. Our community currently has four Disaster Case Managers ready to provide assistance and will have an additional eight after contracting is completed. You can use the Wildfire Hotline to contact a DCM: (833) 669-0554.

The JCC LTRG will be conducting a Needs Assessment Survey this summer to identify the unmet, long-term recovery needs of survivors. The goal is to obtain a complete count of those who need help and then work through the development of individualized recovery plans. If you want to be included in the Needs Assessment Survey, please register at jccltrg.org/get-help or email recover@jccltrg.org.

The JCC LTRG is a public benefit corporation fiscally sponsored by Catholic Charities of Oregon. The JCC LTRG is committed to achieving an equitable and inclusive recovery to bring survivors home. To learn more, visit jccltrg.org or facebook.com/jccltrg.

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Accessibility

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If you would like printed copies to share at your location, please let us know at: newsletter@jccltrg.org

Debris Cleanup Deadline

As of June 7, Jackson County has announced that they are no longer accepting new requests for no-cost debris cleanup. If you have special circumstances, however, and are interested in the no-cost cleanup, please contact Jackson County immediately. Visit JacksonCounty.org/ROE or call the wildfire debris clean-up hotline: 503-934-1700.

How to Rebuild After A Fire: Recovery Resources and Information

R3V, or **Reimagine & Rebuild Rogue Valley**, is a large coalition of public and private partners with a long-term mission to expand the community circle of prosperity and resilience by reimagining, redesigning and rebuilding the Rogue Valley's community, economy, and housing options.

R3V recently posted an article on their blog about how to work with contractors and builders after a wildfire. You can read that article or learn more about this group at www.rthreev.org.



Zone Captains Community Liaisons is a peer to peer network helping fire survivors access resources. If you would like to get resources and information or if you are super connected and want to represent your community's voices in the recovery conversation, visit www.zonecaptains.org to find your zone.

SOREDI Helps Connect Businesses to Resources

Southern Oregon Economic Development Inc. (**SOREDI**) has hired Terrill Roper as a Disaster Recovery & Resiliency Liaison with the mission of connecting local businesses to resources. To connect with him, call 541-773-8946 or e-mail: terrill@soredi.org.

Recovery Directory

To stay up to date on LTRG news between newsletters, visit: jccltrg.org/news/ or follow on facebook at: www.facebook.com/JCCLTRG

Rogue Valley Recovery News:

- <https://jacksoncountyor.org/recovery/>

Oregon Wildfire Recovery Info:

- <https://wildfire.oregon.gov/>

Phoenix Fire Response Center:

- At The Shoppes at exit 24 off of I-5.
- Provides food, water, clothing, and household goods that are donated by the public to people impacted by the fires.
- Open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 12-6 pm, with daily meals at 11:30am and 4:30pm
- Volunteers needed. Sign up at: bit.ly/phoenixfirecenter

Your Feedback

We want to make this newsletter as useful as possible! If you have links to community resources, wildfire recovery news, other info to share, or questions that you'd like to be answered, please let us know by email at newsletter@jccltrg.org

WHERE IS THE HOUSING?!

TRANSITIONAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESPONSE IN THE WAKE OF THE ALMEDA FIRE

THE ALMEDA FIRE INFLAMED AN OVERBURDENED HOUSING MARKET IN SOUTHERN OREGON. MORE THAN 8 MONTHS IN, PEOPLE ARE DESPERATE FOR SOLUTIONS. HERE'S A TIMELINE FOR WHAT'S COMING AND WHEN TO EXPECT IT.

RIGHT NOW

FEMA has already placed **107 RVs and Manufactured Home Units** in commercial parks and Manufactured Home communities. Additionally, **Asante** has set up **32 temporary housing units** for their workforce displaced by the fires. More housing will be provided shortly through **FEMA's Direct Housing Mission**, to be followed by other housing projects through various agencies and nonprofits.

NOTE: As with all FEMA programs, the agency will decide who occupies their trailers, prioritizing need and limiting space to eligible U.S. Citizens already engaged with the agency.

JULY

FEMA - Coleman Creek Estates (Phoenix)
70 2&3 Bedroom Trailers
FEMA - Rogue Valley Mobile Village (Phoenix/Medford)
20 2&3 Bedroom Trailers

EARLY SEPTEMBER

Options for Housing Residents of Ashland
58 Apartments at the Super 8 in Ashland
Project Turnkey is a \$65 million statewide plan to convert hotels and motels into housing for the homeless and those impacted by wildfires or the pandemic. OHRA is the first local recipient, and has already converted 20 room into fully-functional efficiencies, with more to come.

IN PROCESS

Rogue Retreat has also received Project Turnkey funds to convert the Redwood Inn (Medford) into **47 apartments**. Other developments are under planning review.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE DISPLACED

- 666 individual survivors are still sheltering in 13 hotels in the valley.
- The state has secured 3 motel properties through June of 2022 that can provide accommodation for these individuals, which will be converted over time into efficiencies.
- Many displaced residents relocated to nearby towns like Rogue River, White City, and Central Point.
- Farther-flung displacement, especially amongst elders and a large migrant worker population, is widely reported.

JUNE

FEMA - Totem Pole Park (Talent)

27 2&3 Bedroom Trailers

FEMA is prioritizing their direct housing mission in pre-existing Manufactured Home parks closest to impacted areas

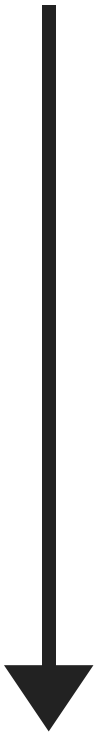
SEPTEMBER

Talent Urban Renewal Agency
Gateway Project (Talent)

53 RVs and Trailers

This transitional housing project—a collaboration of City of Talent, Phoenix/Talent Schools, and Rogue Retreat—prioritizes families with students in the Phoenix Talent School District.

TEMPORARY HOUSING



TRANSITIONAL SOLUTIONS



PERMANENT & AFFORDABLE LIVABILITY

2,549 HOUSES WERE LOST IN THE FIRE. MANY FAMILIES ARE ALREADY BUILDING BACK QUICKLY, HELPING TO ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING CRUNCH. REPLENISHING OUR HOUSING STOCK—AND GROWING IT TO INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTS—WILL TAKE MANY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS. HERE ARE SOME OF THE GROUPS WORKING ON SOLUTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ROGUE VALLEY.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF JACKSON COUNTY

Normally developing between 50-100 affordable housing units each year, **HAJC has received \$25 Million for land acquisition and development** to kickstart a permanent housing response in the Rogue Valley. Multiple projects—in White City and Ashland—are already underway, with more to come.

TURA /MURA

In Phase II of the Gateway Project, the **Talent Urban Renewal Agency** is planning for a large multi-family affordable housing element with apartments and townhouses. **Medford Urban Renewal Agency** has also purchased a large parcel near Liberty Park, announcing that some portion of this development will include affordable housing. No hard timelines are currently available.

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT HOUSING NEEDS:

- Jackson county was short 5900 affordable housing units prior to the Almeda Fire.
- More than 1560 manufactured housing units were lost.
- 53% of Jackson County's renter population is rent burdened (more than 30% of monthly income goes to rent and utilities)

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

Traditional development will be a big part of the solution, building affordable housing with the benefit of tax credits and other public subsidies. "Affordable Housing" is designed to be affordable and available to households with lower incomes (often 60% or less of the area "median" income for the household size).

Fortify Holdings specializes in converting hotels into efficiency apartments, and is converting **four motels in Medford that will add almost 500 units** to the lower-end of the market rate apartment supply in the region. **Commonwealth** is building **64 units from the ground up in Talent** with a 40/60 split of affordable and market rate housing. Other projects—such as the collaboration between **KDA Homes** and **Habitat for Humanity** to provide workforce housing—offer hope that developers can find innovative ways to provide affordable housing for the same populations they rely on to succeed.

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