

Oregon Food Bank
2020 Wildfire Disaster Response - Daily Status Report

For the Date of:	Dept:	Update to Share:
Friday, Sept. 18	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality in much of Oregon is significantly improved following a thunderstorm in the night. • OFB and all regional food banks across Oregon and SW Washington are operating. • OFB has not yet received requests for food or water outside of our usual distribution network. Marion Polk Food Share is supporting evacuation centers.
	OPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A truckload of disaster boxes has arrived from Feeding America. Another truckload is expected on Monday. These boxes are ready for household distribution. • OFB and some regional food banks have also received truckloads of water from Feeding America. • OFB continues to participate in ECC calls and expects them to wind down as we hopefully begin to move into the recovery phase.
	EPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining COVID-19 precautions during limited operations and fire disaster response.
	P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-leading the Emergency Feeding Taskforce with FEMA at DHS request. • Moving forward with Disaster Household Distribution - a federal program to utilize TEFAP commodities to serve people impacted by disasters without income requirements. DHD requires fixed food box distribution, and has cumbersome tracking regulations, so implementation of this program will be limited in terms of geography and time. • Updating oregonfoodfinder.org with current agency information as much as

		<p>possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marion Polk Food Share reports that the facilities for the partner agencies along the Santiam River are substantially intact. • In close communication with Regional Food Banks, Partner Agencies and program sites to prioritize deliveries during limited operations.
	FIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for dedicated spending on wildfire response. Currently plan is to dedicate about \$450,000 for food (in the form of gift cards distributed to impacted families), infrastructure support for food assistance sites through our Network Support Funds, and a partnership with Causa to support immigrant communities that are frequently left behind in recovery efforts.
	DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations for wildfire response total more than \$230,000 raised so far.
	AVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer shifts at 33rd and West have resumed, with the healthier air quality. • FEMA assistance is authorized for individuals in impacted counties including Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion. More than 1,300 people have applied. • DHS is working on Disaster SNAP application.
	COMMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving traffic towards oregonfoodbank.org/wildfireresponse • Increasing media interest in OFB response.

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Thursday, Sept. 17	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB 33rd (Portland) and West (Beaverton) resumed <i>near</i> normal operations on 9/17. • Portland Metro air quality is improving but still 'very unhealthy'. Rain is forecast for tonight. • A cross-department huddle surfaced likely activity in the next stage - recovery.

		<p>We anticipate leveraging the food reserve and network support funds in the near future as we better understand which communities need infrastructure support and which communities are left behind in state/federal nutrition programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB has not yet received requests for food or water outside of our usual distribution network. Marion Polk Food Share is supporting evacuation centers. • Rain expected in the forecast, while positive for fire fighting efforts and smoke, this has prompted concern for flash flooding canyon areas impacted by fire.
	OPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respirators are working well for distribution, transportation and facilities teams delivering from and working onsite at 33rd, West and at Columbia Gorge Food Bank. We have been able to procure additional respirators allowing us to continue operations and send supplies to Tillamook and Ontario if needed. • OFB continues to participate in ECC calls and expects them to wind down as we hopefully begin to move into the recovery phase. We plan to shift efforts in partnership with P&P teams to participate in the Emergency Feeding Taskforce and with ORVOAD. • We are expecting guidance from Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) regarding smoke and food safety as it pertains to agricultural commodities.
	EPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB made more KN95 masks and new respirators available and discontinued FIRE2020 differential pay today. • Maintaining COVID-19 precautions during limited operations and fire disaster response.
	P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating oregonfoodfinder.org with current agency information as much as possible • Marion Polk Food Share reports that the facilities for the partner agencies along the Santiam River are substantially intact. • In close communication with Regional Food Banks, Partner Agencies and program sites to prioritize deliveries during limited operations. • Continued discussion with the Department of Human Services about our request to increase income guidelines for TEFAP (from 300% to 600% of FPL) and the

		programmatic requirements for Disaster Household Distribution. We are still considering using this program as a bridge to D-SNAP, but it requires volunteer labor to pack food boxes and extra work to fulfill inventory reporting.
	FIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks delivered to remote Branches (Tillamook, The Dalles, Ontario) • Created a new project code FIRE2020 in our accounting system to track any wildfire-related expenses.
	DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations for wildfire response total more than \$180,000 raised so far.
	AVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer shifts at 33rd and West are cancelled 9/17 due to very unhealthy air quality. Volunteer shifts for the afternoon of 9/18 at 33rd and West are on the schedule; determination will be made in the morning of 9/18 regarding whether to cancel. Volunteer Coordinators will have access to N95 masks. Volunteers will not be provided with masks and they will have been made aware of conditions. • FEMA assistance is authorized for individuals in impacted counties including Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion. More than 1,300 people have applied. • The OFB Network recommended to DHS a temporary increase in the TEFAP income eligibility to 600% of the Federal Poverty Level for the remainder of the Governor's wildfire disaster declaration. Awaiting response from DHS. • DHS is working on D-SNAP application.
	COMMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing media interest in OFB response.

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Wednesday, Sept. 16	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB 33rd (Portland) and West (Beaverton) are open at very limited capacity on 9/16 but near-normal operations will resume on 9/17. Yippee! • Fire crews on making progress on containing fires throughout Oregon. 3300+ people are in emergency evacuation centers. • Portland Metro air quality is improving but still 'very unhealthy'. Rain is forecast for Thursday. • OFB has not yet received requests for food or water outside of our usual distribution network. Marion Polk Food Share is supporting evacuation centers.
	OPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECC has sent 800 N95 masks to the Oregon Food bank and 44 respirators, some of which will be allocated to the OFB team in The Dalles. We now have enough respirators for all scheduled Operations staff in the Portland Metro area. • OFB 33rd and West will resume near-normal operations on 9/17. Dock distributions will remain closed until 9/18. • OFB is participating in the State Emergency command process, and coordination is happening with Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD) and Feeding America. • Pausing on incoming donations of any product that would require repack; also pausing on FFFBP for this week. • Currently have 5.5 truckloads of water on hand or inbound. • Requested 2 truckloads of disaster food boxes from Feeding America. • We are expecting guidance from ODA regarding smoke and food safety as it pertains to agricultural commodities.
	EPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering FIRE2020 differential pay to staff working on site/in community during hazardous air conditions. • Maintaining COVID-19 precautions during limited operations and fire disaster response.
	P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating oregonfoodfinder.org with current agency information as much as possible • In close communication with Regional Food Banks, Partner Agencies and

		program sites to prioritize deliveries during limited operations.
	FIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged N95 mask delivery to remote Branches (Tillamook, The Dalles, Ontario) • Created a new project code FIRE2020 in our accounting system to track any wildfire-related expenses.
	DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations for wildfire response total more than \$180,000 raised so far.
	AVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer shifts at 33rd and West are cancelled 9/16 due to very unhealthy air quality. Volunteer shifts for the morning of 9/17 at 33rd and West are also cancelled; determination will be made in the morning of 9/17 regarding afternoon and evening shifts pending air quality conditions. • FEMA assistance is now authorized for individuals in impacted counties including Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion. • The OFB Network recommended to DHS a temporary increase in the TEFAP income eligibility to 600% of the Federal Poverty Level for the remainder of the Governor's wildfire disaster declaration. Awaiting response from DHS. • DHS is working on D-SNAP application.
	COMMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing media interest in OFB response.

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Tuesday, Sept. 15	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB 33rd (Portland) and West (Beaverton) are open at very limited capacity on 9/15. We will open again at limited capacity on 9/16. • OFB has not yet received requests for food or water outside of our usual distribution network. This is typical as other organizations like the Red Cross step in for the first phase of response. The OFB Network also reports that many

		local businesses are stepping up with catering and food support during this crisis phase.
	OPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB is participating in the State Emergency command process, and coordination is happening with Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD) and Feeding America. • Operating limited shifts with safety gear due to hazardous air quality. • Pausing on incoming donations of any product that would require repack; also pausing on FFFBP for this week. • Currently have 5.5 truckloads of water on hand or inbound. • Requested 2 truckloads of disaster food boxes from Feeding America. • ECC has sent 800 N95 masks to the Oregon Food bank and is supplying 39 respirators.
	EPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering bonus pay to staff working on site/in community during hazardous air conditions.
	P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating oregonfoodfinder.org with current agency information as much as possible • In close communication with Regional Food Banks, Partner Agencies and program sites to prioritize deliveries, given our limited capacity.
	FIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired 8 respirators for Operations staff that are in use. • Organizing N95 mask delivery to remote Branches (Tillamook, The Dalles, Ontario)
	DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations for wildfire response total more than \$140,000 raised so far.
	AVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer shifts cancelled 9/15 and 9/16 at 33rd and West due to hazardous air quality. • The OFB Network is recommending to DHS a temporary increase in the TEFAP income eligibility to 600% of the Federal Poverty Level for the remainder of the Governor's wildfire disaster declaration.

	COMMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued media advisory on 9/15 directing people needing food assistance to oregonfoodfinder.org — and requesting financial donations from individuals and larger-scale food/water donations from industry partners.
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Monday, Sept. 14	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFB 33rd (Portland) and West (Beaverton) are closed 9/14 due to hazardous air quality and will open at very limited capacity on 9/15. OFB is participating in the State Emergency command process. Gretchen and Danny are staying in contact with the Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) and Spencer has been asked by DHS to coordinate an ESF-6 Feeding Taskforce. OFB has not yet received requests for food or water outside of our usual distribution network.
	OPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to State Emergency Management, coordination is happening with Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD) and Feeding America. Currently have 5.5 truckloads of water on hand or inbound. Requested 2 truckloads of disaster food boxes from Feeding America. Seeking additional safety gear for hazardous air conditions from the ECC. A smaller crew of distribution and transportation staff will be working onsite under modified conditions with increased breaks in rooms with purified air and KN95 masks. Reducing and rescheduling inbound deliveries. Canceling metro and west deliveries for tomorrow.
	EPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering bonus pay to staff working on site/in community during hazardous air conditions.

	P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating oregonfoodfinder.org with current agency information as much as possible • Hosted a statewide regional food bank call this afternoon regarding wildfire response.
	FIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing N95 mask delivery to remote Branches (Tillamook, The Dalles, Ontario)
	DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations for wildfire response starting to flow in. More than \$85,000 raised so far. • Development is poised to orchestrate a resource acquisition effort from major individual and institutional donors
	AVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer shifts cancelled 9/14 and 9/15 at 33rd and West due to hazardous air quality. • The State Department of Human Services (DHS) is working on Disaster SNAP (D-SNAP) to provide additional benefits and flexibility but this will probably take 2-3 weeks due to federal regulations. • DHS is interested in exploring temporary TEFAP eligibility flexibilities, including increasing the income guidelines.
	COMMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing media advisory on 9/15 directing people needing food assistance to oregonfoodfinder.org and requesting financial donations or larger scale food donations.

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Friday, Sept. 11	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple fires have forced evacuations of hundreds of thousands of people, mostly in the eastern Willamette Valley.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a CLASS 4 disaster: more than 2,500 households in a large geographic area are impacted and multiple regional food banks are impacted. • OFB staff have been impacted by evacuation orders for themselves or for their families. • A yet-to-be-determined number of partner agencies have been completely destroyed. • All OFB facilities and all RFB facilities are operating, some at partial capacity due to evacuation orders, air quality and other constraints. • OFB 33rd is operating at limited capacity today due to hazardous air quality and KN95 masks have been provided to on-site staff and drivers. • American Red Cross Oregon-Cascades Region is providing food and shelter to evacuees in many areas. • OFB has not yet received requests for food or water. • Governor Brown has declared a state of emergency and Oregon has received a presidential disaster declaration.
	OPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFB 33rd will close for Saturday 9/12 due to hazardous air quality. West will be open for limited order pick up only for 3 agencies. • Transportation is working to ensure the safety of OFB drivers making deliveries • Coordination is happening with State Emergency Management, DHS, ORVOAD (Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) and Feeding America • Weather Watch cross-department team will activate standard operating procedures for weather interruptions to regular business. This team will recommend regular open, closure, partial closure or late start/early close and will use the Inclement Weather policy to guide communications.
	EPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff support email with resources sent 9/10 • Updated phone tree for emergency communications • Supporting closures/partial openings to prioritize staff safety • Coordinating with FIT the purchase of more KN95 masks
	P&P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating Food Finder with current agency information as much as possible

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting RFBs with accurate information about what food products can be used in disaster response, per federal regulations • Sent RFB communication regarding fire disaster response status on 9/10. Also connected one-on-one with each RFB. RFB network call scheduled for Monday afternoon. • Coordinating with partner agencies in Metro regarding food distribution in hazardous air quality conditions • Connecting with DHS re: TEFAP income guideline waivers to maximize distribution flexibility.
	FIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering more N95 masks • Set up an intranet page with resources for OFB staff, including support and photo sharing.
	DEV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to corporate donor requests for info around OFB's response to wildfires, including preparing and submitting \$20K request to Providence • Fielding donor calls about how to support wildfire response • Created special "Support Local Wildfire Response" Classy (online donation) page that has brought in \$12,000 in donations (as of 3:45pm on 9/11/20)
	AVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer shifts cancelled/modified due to hazardous air quality 9/10 9/11 and 9/12 at 33rd and West; volunteers headed to food distribution sites given information to make informed choices about their participation. • Supporting SNAP/TEFAP disaster distribution as needed Tracking elected officials lifting OFB as a trusted disaster response agency
	COMMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched oregonfoodbank.org/wildfireresponse • Proactive social media communication to promote Food Finder and resources • Developing media talking points • Tweaked planned Hunger Action Month email appeal to reference wildfires and OFB's readiness to respond.
	CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicated status to Board 9/10

