

# California Secures Presidential Emergency Declaration for Caldor Fire

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SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that, within hours of California’s [request](#), the White House has approved a Presidential Emergency Declaration for Direct Federal Assistance to bolster the response to the Caldor Fire in El Dorado, Amador, Alpine and Placer counties.

“We thank President Biden and Vice President Harris for their steadfast support to California as we battle these challenging fires,” said Governor Newsom. “Our continued partnership with the federal government is critical to protecting communities and ensuring impacted Californians have the supports they need to get back on their feet.”

The Presidential Emergency Declaration for the Caldor Fire will supplement state, local and tribal government emergency services for the protection of lives, property, public health and safety.

Even as the Caldor Fire burns, Governor Newsom has directed state agencies to rapidly and thoroughly document the extent of the damage to ensure the state is able to pursue further federal support for individuals and communities impacted by the fire, which to date has burned more than 207,000 acres and ranks as the 15th largest fire in state history. More information on how federal disaster declarations are declared can be found [here](#).

Governor Newsom on Monday proclaimed a state of emergency in [Alpine, Amador and Placer counties](#) due to the Caldor Fire, following the emergency proclamation issued for El Dorado County earlier this month. The state has [secured](#) a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from FEMA to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress this rapidly spreading fire.

The White House last week approved California’s request for a [Presidential Major Disaster Declaration](#), including supports available to wildfire-impacted residents and assistance for state, tribal and local governments with ongoing emergency response and recovery costs. California recently secured FMAGs to support the state’s response to the Dixie Fire in [Lassen, Butte and Plumas counties](#) and the response to the [French Fire, Caldor Fire, Monument Fire, River Fire](#) and [Lava Fire](#).

Governor Newsom has activated the State Operations Center to its highest level and proclaimed a state of emergency in counties impacted by the [Caldor Fire, McFarland and Monument fires, Antelope and River fires, Dixie, Fly and Tamarack fires](#) and the [Lava Fire and Beckwourth Complex Fire](#). The Governor has also signed [executive orders](#) to support impacted communities and bolster wildfire response and recovery efforts. CAL FIRE and Cal OES personnel are responding in concert with other federal, state and local agencies to address emergency management and mutual aid needs for the fires.

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