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Key Findings / Takeaways

- According to the Marion County Emergency Manager, an "After Action Report" for the Beachie Creek and Lionshead wildfires is in the works. The After-Action Report is expected to include an assessment and findings from the emergency response to the fires and lessons learned. A community town hall was held in late July 2021 to review preliminary analysis of the emergency response and receive feedback from impacted community members. The final After-Action Report is anticipated in November 2021.

- The **Marion County Emergency Management Program** (https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Pages/default.aspx) is housed within the Department of Public Works. Primary positions in the organizational structure of Emergency Management are listed below (please refer to the division's webpage for current contact information):
  - Public Works/Emergency Management Director
  - County Emergency Manager
  - EM Program Coordinator
  - EM Program Coordinator
  - Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

- The **Linn County Emergency Preparedness Program** (https://www.linnsheriff.org/community-resources/emergency-preparedness/) is housed in the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff serves as the county's Emergency Program Manager and is assisted by an Emergency Program Coordinator who coordinates planning, training, and exercising for the county's emergency preparedness, disaster response, disaster recovery and hazard mitigation.

- It appears the counties have adequate organizational structures for emergency management and the required state and federal emergency response plans. A full listing of these plans is outlined below. These plans also include the roles and responsibilities of local, state, and federal officials and community stakeholders.

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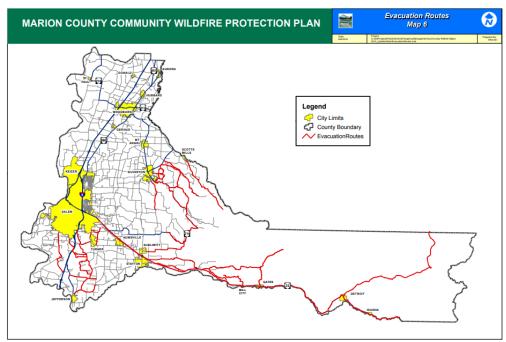## Existing Plans, Policies, Projects, or Funding

Pre-Disaster

- County Emergency Management Plans were developed pre-disaster, some going back several years. This is not unusual since these plans are often drafted to serve for 2-5 years. The various emergency management plans need to be updated periodically to incorporate lessons learned, policy, procedures updates, and/or statutes or ordinances passed, and to reflect the changed demographics and physical conditions of the area.
  - **Linn County Community Wildfire Protection Plan** (2007) https://scholarsbank.uoregon.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1794/5795/Linn_County_Wildfire_Plan.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
  - **Linn County Emergency Operations Plan** (2016) https://www.linnsheriff.org/community-resources/emergency-preparedness/
  - **Marion County Community Wildfire Protection Plan** (2017) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Documents/Community Wildfire Protection Plan.pdf
  - **Marion County Debris Management** (2017 Regional Plan) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/PublishingImages/Pages/default/Debris Management.pdf
  - **Marion County Municipal Code on Emergency Management** https://www.codepublishing.com/OR/MarionCounty/#%21/MarionCounty02/MarionCounty0235.html%232.35
  - **Marion County Emergency Operations Plan** (March 2020, pre-fire) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/PublishingImages/Pages/default/Marion County Emergency Operations Plan.pdf
  - **EOP BOC Letter of Promulgation 2020-2024** https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/PublishingImages/Pages/default/EOP BOC Letter of Promulgation 2020_2024.pdf
  - **Hazard Mitigation Plan Volume I** (2018, to be updated in 2022) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Documents/Marion_HMP_Volume I_01022018.pdf
  - **Hazard Mitigation Plan Volume II** (2018, to be updated in 2022) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Documents/Marion_HMP_Volume II_01022018.pdf
  - **Hazard Mitigation Plan Volume III** (2018, to be updated in 2022) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Documents/Marion_HMP_Volume III_07112017.pdf
  - **Oregon Resource Coordination Assistance Agreement (OEM) Implementation Guide** (2017) https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Documents/ORCAA Implementation Guide.pdf
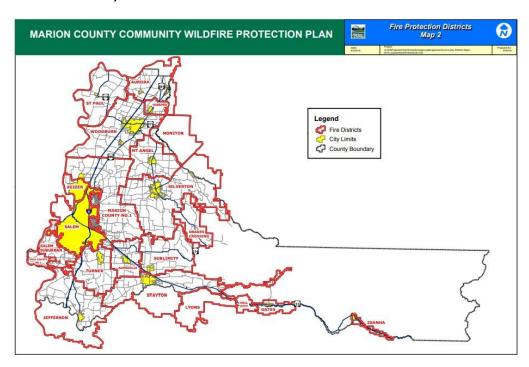
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Current Marion County Evacuation Routes

Note: Evacuation routes are in the process of being updated and validated, in partnership with Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Marion County Fire Districts

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Post-Disaster
- **The Wildfire Response After-Action Report** will provide the critical information needed to develop strategies for future response and opportunities for building resiliency into the communications and evacuation systems, among other important topics.

Opportunities for Recovery

Lessons learned from the After-Action Report of emergency response will highlight areas needing improvement and opportunities to leverage recovery projects and funding to build community resiliency. There are still many opportunities for the community to come together to define what worked and what needs to change in the event of any future disaster or less impactful emergency. The following are links to the latest edition of Marion County's recovery newsletter and a list of recovery resources for the public:

- **Santiam Canyon Wildfire Recovery newsletter** (https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORMARION/bulletins/2d9972b)
- **Linn County Wildfire Recovery Resources** (https://www.linnsheriff.org/wildfire-recovery/)
- **Marion County Wildfire Recovery Resources** (https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/EmergencyManagement/Fire/Pages/default.aspx) can also be accesses clicking on the Wildfire Recovery tab listed at the top of every page on the Marion County website www.co.marion.or.us/.

Recommendations

- Review the After-Action Report with community members to determine the best course of action for improvements and memorialize successes during response, as the community continues to recover from the 2020 wildfires.