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News Release

Deadline Extended to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The deadline for California wildfire survivors to register for federal assistance has been **extended to Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019.**

Disaster grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are available to eligible homeowners and renters impacted by the mid-November wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Nearly 26,000 applications from survivors of the Camp, Hill and Woolsey Fires have been received by FEMA to date.

Disaster assistance for individuals may include grants to help homeowners and renters with temporary housing, essential home repairs, personal property replacement, and serious disaster-related needs. Disaster assistance grants are not taxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicare or other federal and state programs. Grants do not have to be repaid.

The deadline for submitting applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has also been extended to **Jan. 31.**

The SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters. SBA disaster loans fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

For more information, applicants may visit their nearest Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), apply online at SBA.gov/disaster, or contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling **800-659-2955.**

Survivors who have not yet applied for FEMA disaster assistance, should register right away. There are three ways to register:

- Online, at DisasterAssistance.gov,
- Call **800-621-3362** (TTY **800-462-7585**), **7 a.m. to 10 p.m. PST daily.** Multilingual operators are available, or

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- Visit a FEMA/Cal OES Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). DRCs are accessible facilities where applicants can learn more about FEMA and other disaster assistance programs. To find locations, visit the DRC locator at gateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY/TDD).

FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.