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Karuk Tribe

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KARUK TRIBE AWARDED WILDFIRE MITIGATION GRANT

The Karuk Tribe awarded FEMA Planning Funds for wildfire mitigation in Orleans, CA

Orleans, CA ---

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA), the Tribally Designated Housing Entity of the Karuk Tribe, has been awarded \$254,993 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Planning Funds through the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), to develop three shovel-ready, wildfire mitigation projects in the Orleans area over the next 18 months.

The goal of these projects will be to identify the most severe wildfire hazards to the community and develop plans to best remove or reduce those dangers. Sara Spence, Executive Director for KTHA states “It is our goal to continue developing and implementing these mitigation projects throughout all three KTHA communities to reduce the risks that these ongoing wildfires cause for the KTHA tenants.”

The planning process will involve working with local subject matter experts, contracted wildfire professionals, Karuk Tribe staff, and Orleans community members through public meetings and outreach efforts to develop cohesive plans that incorporate the Karuk Tribe’s Department of Natural Resources Eco-Cultural Resources Management Plan.

The Karuk Tribe and KTHA look forward to working with the Orleans community to make it a safer place for all to live and work as our ancestral lands continue to be ravaged by wildfire.

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