



Press Release



**Lake County Board of Commissioners Media Release
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For Immediate Release**

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Lakeview, OR - **Emergency Declaration of county emergency due to a fiber optic outage affecting the majority of Lake County.** The Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2023-04 declaring the emergency during the July 24, 2023 Emergency Session Meeting.

A fiber optic line supporting services to Lakeview, Plush, Adel, New Pine Creek, Paisley, and Summer Lake has been significantly damaged on July 22, 2023 by the Golden Fire. Restoration to the line is not known yet.

Lake County Emergency Management has been working on triaging the connection loss. Lake County has been working with Oregon Emergency Management, Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Resilience and Emergency Management to restore emergency connections for 9-1-1, Lakeview Interagency Fire Center, and Lake Health District since the outage occurred. Temporary First Net and Verizon deployable towers have arrived at the locations and are providing services. Additional devices and support have been requested to improve bandwidth at these locations. County officials are working to triage other services within the affected areas.

All 9-1-1 calls are automatically being routed to Klamath County 9-1-1 Dispatch, if you need 9-1-1 services continue to dial 9-1-1 as you normally would. Lake County 9-1-1 has communication established with Klamath County 9-1-1.

The County has submitted requests to the State for aid for other critical services in the communities and hope to have them connected soon.

For more information go to: <https://www.lakecountyor.org/>

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