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**TO:** Gary Schmidt, County Administrator

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**SUBJ:** Current Emergency Declaration Recommendations

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you and the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with information and recommendations about the current county emergency declarations for COVID-19 recovery and debris due to the 2020 wildfires.

### **COVID-19 Recovery**

The current COVID-19 emergency declaration is focused on recovery. The recovery from COVID-19 will take a long time, but it no longer requires an emergency declaration to prioritize. There is also no longer a need for the other emergency authorities granted in the declaration. Disaster Management and Public Health have coordinated with Social Services and Business & Community Services to make sure the authorities are no longer needed.

### **Wildfire Debris Declaration**

The county is still actively working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to clean up debris from the 2020 Wildfires. ODOT has completed the private property debris removal in the county, but is just starting on removing hazardous trees from the right-of-way. The emergency declaration allows the county to maintain flexibility in support ODOT's operations. The county is currently utilizing the debris monitoring contract to have a liaison to coordinate between property owners and ODOT to ensure the debris removal meets the property owner's needs. The extension of the emergency declaration will also give the county the possibility of utilizing the county's debris removal contract, if ODOT is unable to perform the work.

### **Recommendation**

**COVID-19 Recovery emergency declaration:** Allow the current declaration to end of its current period, December 31, 2021. If emergency authorities are needed again, Disaster Management and Public Health will make a recommendation for another declaration at that time.

**Wildfire Debris emergency declaration:** Extend the current declaration until March 15, 2022, the estimated date of ODOT's completion of removal of hazardous trees from the right-of-way. If ODOT completes earlier, Disaster Management will notify the board at that time.