

May 15, 2025 – US Army Corps of Engineers Update:

It's been a great week of progress for debris removal in the area impacted by the Palisades Fire.

We removed over 70,000 tons of debris this past week and are currently operating 102 debris removal crews throughout the area. Our 5-day average for clearing sites is 44 per day, and to date we have cleared over 2,887 properties of our anticipated workload of about 4,500 parcels. By the end of May, we anticipate clearing all opt-in properties along PCH and more than 70% of our total expected workload across the Palisades Fire impact area.

Key numbers:

- We have removed over **844,605 tons of debris**, equivalent to 8.4 aircraft carriers.
- It is also the equivalent weight of **more than 420,000 F150 pickup trucks**.
- Parked bumper to bumper those theoretical trucks would stretch **1,626 miles or from Santa Monica to Kansas City, Missouri**.

Weekly Progress:

- Our teams are meeting weekly with CALTRANS, LA County and Edison Electric to synchronize our collective efforts on PCH.
- We remain on track to complete debris removal on all PCH properties that opted in by May 31st.
- In our next update, we'll highlight some specific completion percentages in neighborhoods throughout the area.

MAJ Grussing or I will send an update the same time next week. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

LA, Malibu, Palisades Strong!

Respectfully,

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