



PROPERTY RESTORATION

Case Study: Grant School District No. 3 Canyon City, OR

Loss Event: Severe Flooding

Grant School District No. 3 in Eastern Oregon is responsible for the education of approximately 800 students in four schools, and encompasses about 1,277 square miles including the towns of John Day, Canyon City, Mt. Vernon, and Seneca.

The school district is seated in lush valleys of the surrounding forest terrain and wilderness. Just before the summer break, melting mountain snow packs and heavy rains combined to overflow the banks of John Day River and nearby Canyon Creek.

Flood waters caused significant water damage to both Grant Union High School, Transportation and District offices.

BELFOR SOLUTION

BELFOR responded quickly with the right equipment. Water extraction and structural drying/dehumidification efforts began immediately. Desiccant dehumidifiers were used on two gymnasium floors and in school hallways.

Working with local subcontractors, BELFOR project managers and specialists organized and supervised a multi-phase project that included the abatement process, electrical work, construction, flooring, painting, plumbing, and the re-positioning of staff and equipment back into classrooms and offices.

- ▶ Only one day of school was lost. Critical contents of the Transportation and District office sites were moved to a temporary location and were back in operation in one day.
- ▶ Deadlines were met and students returned to completely restored classrooms when school resumed in August.
- ▶ BELFOR helped the local economy by subcontracting with local workers when it was practical to do so.



CHALLENGE

- ▶ Working within strict time restraints in remote location.

“BELFOR provided expert assistance throughout the emergency restoration phase of the project ... BELFOR was able to manage all of their work while not impacting student instruction. Their ability to completely move the district office and contents in one day was also very impressive. We did not lose a single hour or productivity during the process.”

“It was a great relief to be able to deal with such a professional and well-equipped company that had the capacity to deal with the severity of our flood. I give my highest recommendation to BELFOR for an organization that has sustained any level of disaster.”

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