

#### **Economic Impact of Natural Disasters**



There's No Such Thing as a Disaster-Resistant Place Anymore By Rachel DuRose

Floods, Fires and Deadly Heat are the Alarm Bells of a Planet on the Brink

By Sarah Kaplan

From record breaking temperatures to ongoing wildfires and major flooding, the planet is in trouble. Human-induced climate change combined with summer and El Niño is leading to more natural disasters than ever before. Trying to prepare for the increasing occurrence of extreme weather events is proving to be difficult. Communities may have to implement mitigation and/or recovery efforts for disasters they have never before experienced and insurance companies are raising prices or withdrawing coverage.

Source: www.msn.com, www.washingtonpost.com



### Floods, Heat and Smoke

By German Lopez

The growing prevalence of natural disasters is leading to a global battle for the small number of available resources. States, countries and continents are no longer able to dispense equipment freely during extreme weather events. The United States and Australia battled it out for firefighters and trucks as both dealt with wildfires. While simultaneous flooding in New York and Vermont meant no sharing of resources on either end. Meanwhile, very high temperatures and floods in Pakistan led to a struggle for recovery supplies.

Source: www.nytimes.com



#### Investing in America: FEMA Administrator Highlights Climate Resilient Infrastructure Investments Provided by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Under the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has access to \$7 billion to help communities with projects intended to strengthen infrastructure and mitigate damages from natural disasters caused by climate change.

Source: www.fema.gov

#### \$1 Billion in FEMA Public Assistance Supports Florida Recovery from Hurricane lan

Florida continues to bounce back from the damages inflicted during Hurricane Ian. FEMA has put \$1.1 billion towards emergency response needs, power restoration, and the rebuilding of homes, roads, bridges, beaches, schools, fire stations, and more.

Source: www.fema.gov

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Vermont Emergency Declaration

Vermont Slowly Turns to Recovery After Being Hit by Flood From Slow-Moving Storm By Lisa Rathke

Talk about throwing some cold water on it. Unprecedented flooding led the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve disaster relief

help for Vermont. Recovery efforts have been implemented as the state looks to open blocked roads and repair and rebuild homes, businesses, parks and fields. While the exact number is yet to be determined, experts say damages are already in the tens of millions of dollars.

Source: www.whitehouse.gov, www.boston.com



# Natural Disasters are Rising. This ETF Stands to Gain from Recovery

By Lauren Foster

With extreme weather events showing no signs of slowing down, companies helping to rebuild and restore from natural disasters will be in great demand. **FIXT**, **the Procure Disaster Recovery Strategy ETF**, comprises companies engaged in recovering from and mitigating damages caused by natural disasters. Constituents include backup generator supplier Generac\*.

Source: www.barrons.com

#### **Procure Disaster Recovery Strategy ETF Constituent Snapshots**



#### Collaboration of Fire Authorities in the United Kingdom Select MSA Safety's M1 Breathing Apparatus

Five United Kingdom Fire Authorities awarded MSA Safety\* \$7 million. for use of the company's specialized firefighting equipment and technology.

Source: www.prnewswire.com

## SNC-Lavalin Awarded \$85M Engineering Services Contract in Florida

By Adriano Marchese

SNC-Lavalin\* won \$85 million to design, maintain and help improve the resiliency of Florida's turnpikes infrastructure.

Source: www.marketwatch.com

#### Dutch expertise will help improve waterway resiliency of Corps' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division

Arcadis\* will receive \$25 million to develop solutions to mitigate damages from floods and natural disasters for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Great Lakes and Ohio Rivers Division.

Source: www.lanereport.com

NV5 Awarded \$11 million in Utility Undergrounding, Battery Storage, and Distribution Reliability Contracts

NV5\* secured \$11 million in contracts for its engineering services and data solutions to help strengthen the electrical grid in the Pacific Northwest and California.

Source: www.finance.yahoo.com

#### Newsletter courtesy of THE PROCURE DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY ETF

The **PROCURE DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY ETF** tracks a portfolio of companies engaged in recovering from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods or earthquakes.

The PROCURE DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY ETF tracks the VettaFi Natural Disaster Response and Mitigation Index, an equal weighted index of stocks that are involved with the recovery and mitigation of natural disasters. Included in the Index are companies with government contracts for natural disaster recovery and mitigation, companies involved with home improvement retail and companies that are materially engaged in emergency/backup power generators and batteries.

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