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Subject: Wildfire Recovery
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Dear Public Hearings,

We were the first manufactured home park to be hit by the fire in north Ashland. We had zero warning. Neighbors were pounding on doors and yelling to get the heck out of there. I had about 3 minutes and grabbed only a box of paperwork and my laptop (without the charger cord). I only had on an old pair of sweats and t-shirt, which I lived in for the first week after the fire. I drove through flames and thick smoke on the only road out of the park and made it out. The Red Cross was very helpful and amazing, as well as the United Way and all of the kind people who donated clothes and support to get through the first few weeks. For that, I am eternally grateful. I've been denied by FEMA twice. I had homeowners insurance that included earthquake insurance, but was woefully underinsured, as the prices of manufactured homes have tripled in the last few years and I wasn't aware of that huge sticker shock increase. I imagine I was denied by FEMA twice because I received about \$85,000 for my home and belongings. I had a 3bd/2/ba and to get another one of the same size, will cost me about \$135,000 total, not counting the personal belongings I will need on top of that. I do have some resentments about the people who had NO insurance and FEMA gave them about \$37,000 to help them on their way. Some of them knew that FEMA would give them a bailout in a disaster and that is the reason they did not have insurance. Some had 1968-1978 year old homes and will now get into new single wide manufactured homes pretty much intact financially. Some of these old homes did have insurance and they did get paid out for that insurance and FEMA still gave them an extra \$20,000 on top of that. I can't help but feel that the middle class folks trying to be responsible, were kind of left out to dry. My guess is that when all the manufactured home parks are rebuilt in southern Oregon, the owners will jack up the space rents and make it more difficult to afford living in this region. There are just not enough good paying jobs to keep up with this madness. Something needs to be done and I'm not sure what the solutions are. My only other request is to try solving another major problem. Getting the homeless off of the greenway for good, from Ashland to Central Point. Since our park is on the greenway and many homeless people camp out near us, I'll guarantee another fire will take out the park in the future. Are you trying to tell me that it's cheaper to rebuild 2,500 lost homes along the greenway than it is to prevent the homeless from starting fires along the greenway? So you kick them out of Medford (on the ballot), then they scatter to Ashland, Talent, Phoenix and Central Point. It's all BassAkwards.

I'll get through this and am healing well as time goes on. I've secured winter housing, my support system is intact and I have hope about the future. I'm hoping we can rebuild and go forward with affordable housing solutions and a clear plan to keep fires off of, and out of the greenway. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Bear Creek Mobile Home Park resident, Ashland Oregon