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I live in between Ashland and Talent in one of the neighborhoods that was essentially obliterated by the Almeda fire. I have 11 neighbors whose homes were destroyed in the fire. Three of them have scraped their lots clean, a fourth this week has been able to do that. One has rebuilt. There are many more neighbors whose homes I cannot see from my house which were also turned into heaps of rubble. At least three of these neighbors have left Oregon.

What is concerning me the most right now, aside from the fact that these neighbors do not have homes, is that the potential for well water contamination right now is a very scary prospect. How many toxic chemicals are leaching into the water in the wells? It's been 5.5 MONTHS since this happened. Isn't that enough time to train chemistry students to test well water, soil, debris, etc? I bet that would help, somehow.

Thank you,
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