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Hello.

1) Promises of cleanup

The help with wildfire cleanup is not happening as promised. We were told that cleanup would start in October/November.

It wasn't until December that ODOT was starting, but it does not appear much as been done.

The rains are intense. We knew this. We live in Oregon. We do not understand why we were not given an option to clean up the ash ourselves and put the ash in a specified area. I believe we would have been able to clean up most of the ash ourselves, being very careful with it and double bagging it and not making any one bag too heavy - whatever the state wanted. We could have taken it someplace, if we were allowed to.

But the state kept making promises and kept saying it would be better to wait. I cannot see how this is better in any way, shape or form. The rains have made such a mess. Any concern the state had for protecting the watershed is not believable.

2) Who will pay for the cleanup, if you have insurance and do not want to build?

We have asked repeatedly this question, but we do not get a specific response. It is only answered in generalities.

I would like to get clarification on who will pay for the cleanup. On the wildfire website, it states:

Homeowners will pay no upfront cost and no government agency or contractor working for them will recoup any insurance money unless it is designated for debris or left over after rebuilding your home.

My questions are:

* What will be the afterwards costs?

* If we do not plan to rebuild, at least not right away, will we be charged the full amount of the debris removal, or only what the line item was in our insurance?

3) Tree clearing is not well planned.

There are many parties interested: forest harvesting companies, power lines, transportation, etc. Everyone is clearing trees differently. Some clean up their work, other's leave a mess. The one's that leave a mess are adding to the fire fuel for future years and hazards along the roadway. They all do damage to culverts and roads, and these have been left as is. All invite garbage to be dumped. Perhaps the counties could get some money to do a final clean up of this, when the fire cleanup has been done.

Thank you.

Dorothy