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My experience during the day of sept 8 was utter chaos. I was advised by Talent police to evacuate NOW. While stuck in evacuation traffic, I received an automated call from County emergency to "stay in your home and do not impede fire suppression." Local media gave no information that any emergency was occurring. I was wondering what happened to the emergency preparedness plans that every jurisdiction in the valley developed with Rogue Valley Council of Governments(RVCOG), after the '97 flood. My entire neighborhood burned.

. And, where was local government/leadershp for a week? none to be seen. why did water delivery for fire suppression fail? What happened to the back up generators for City facilities?

I have been overwhelmed with the kindness and concern of neighbors, and truly grateful that so few were injured in this "perfect storm." I am housed and warm, my insurance company has been more than attentive.

During reconstruction, I would suggest:

- make solar energy available to home owners
- cities should adopt a firewise landscape program such as Ashland uses
- waive some planning fees for rebuilding,

thank you for your attention and for the opportunity to tell "someone who cares."
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