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As a 30-year resident of Oregon I consider this my forever home. However, I have been directly impacted by climate related wildfires while living in Ashland. After fires devastated the city of Talent and much of Phoenix, I realized that only a slight shift of the wind direction saved my home and possibly my life because Ashland would have been similarly devastated. When my husband and I first moved to Ashland we had little fear of wildfire. By the time I moved away I was keeping my car packed and in the driveway should I have to evacuate on a moment's notice. I realize that fires have been somewhat less threatening in recent years, but I'm sure that is only a temporary respite. Although I moved to Portland to escape the fear and all the smoke, I know these fires could impact Portland as well. We need the Climate Resilience Superfund to begin to address this very serious problem, and the polluters who caused it should bear the cost.