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Our family is devastated by the Beechie/
Santiam fire. All gone, nothing but ashes

My daughter lost her home in Gates and
we lost our forever family home up little
North Fork, hand built by us and both
grandfathers. 20 acres of prime timber
burnt. We were renting it to friends, the Mossos.
Angie Mossos burnt off her feet running down
the fire road. Her mother died in the drive
way and so did her son Wyatt who ran for
his life and returned to the car, with their
dog. They lost everything. trees also

We lost 20 acres off Rubin Rd (Little N. Fork)
and a unpermitted cabin. We My husband &
I were at the cabin and barely made it out
of the woods, only because my Gates daughter
repeatedly called us to flee as they fled for
their lives as transformers and fire destroyed
their gates home. My grandpa and finance lived
there also. We don't have a home now to go to.

All our life time dreams and goals were
lost in that fire. All our family photos.
All our security. We all have severe PTSD
and its difficult to write this letter much
less to create new lives for ourselves in grief

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We ^{can} ~~will~~ never recover from this.

Why didn't ~~Pat~~ ~~Roos~~ put out the little opal creek fire I heard it was because it wasn't state, log able land.

I heard it was a deal with ~~Freeres~~ ~~Loggers~~ as they now have a bonanza of trees to harvest for a life time. Our life time

is destroyed. I heard it was to "get back" at George Atiyeh who saved Opal Creek for all Oregonians. He died in the blaze.

I heard it was the electric company fault who didn't turn off the electricity.

I heard the electric co. is making an enlarged site of way on N-Fork, stealing our trees.

I heard soon "they" will say we can't rebuild here - a fire zone. We called each other or we died.

We were NOT warned!! No blaring sirens, no bull horns telling us folk in the woods to leave. Many died, many survived only by seeking refuge in the glorious 2.7th N-Fork River. Our pristine water shed for Salem! Nothing can bring us back to whole.

We cannot even function. This is so wrong!!

We are third generation Oregonians with ties to George Gay (ancestor) lived in the canyon 30 years, raised 3 kids, pd taxes.

Phyllis Helms Susan Mack



It is my dream that high school shop class
or volunteer builders could get together and build
small homes for us old (66 + 72 yrs old) fine
folks so we can live on our scorched properties.

We build our homes we last but we are too old
to do that whole process again. Thank you
As of Feb 2201, we are out of Shilo hotel and into FEMA trailers

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- Properties last
- ① 116 Hreb Street — manufactured home
Gater OR 97346
 - ② 26965 North Fork — stick built home
Lyons OR 97358 20 Acres Day. Fir
 - ③ 10195 Rubin Road — stick build cabin
Lyons OR 97358 20 Acres Mixed Forest