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I lost my home of 20 years in the Beachy creek fires of September 2020. I finally started to rebuild in December 2022. It has been unbelievably difficult for those of us in the Santiam Canyon to deal with the devastation of our land, clean up, red tape and the huge financial hardship that is not even touching on the emotional and mental effect this disaster has had on me and my community, which I know we will be dealing with and healing from for many many many years to come.

I wholeheartedly support the bill 100%. The community needs more help and not injury. Not one person in our community, who lost their primary residence planned to build a new home. We didn't go out, find a lot with intentions to build a new home, We were forced to build at inflated prices in order to just get 'home' and we are the lucky ones.

Please try put yourselves in our position, if it happened to you in your neighborhood. I personally have been living in a 200sq ft trailer for going on 2 1/2 years, my home I hope will be finished on the 3 year anniversary of the fire. This law is in place for situations like this, whether the verbiage needs to be changed so its clearer for all involved or not, but lets enforce and help our community recover.

Thank you

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