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As the fire approached our farm, we had to evacuate our three horses and ourselves. At the time we had a stallion who would require a secure, well-built stall for his safety and the safety of other horses. All of the local farms had no place for us. Neither did the fairgrounds. We were fortunate that some friends let us stay at their farm, but we had to travel over 100 miles to their place near Chehalis, Washington. Fortunately, our horses' health papers were up-to-date for crossing state lines. It was very difficult.

Our neighbors did not evacuate, because they had nowhere to move their animals. They stayed and took their chances. Fortunately, despite being in the "evacuate now red zone", the fire didn't reach them.

It is essential that our fairgrounds are prepared for safe emergency facilities for livestock.