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In our area the only land that has burnt was BLM land above our place.

This fire happen approximately eight years ago)and when I called the fire department in the Forestry department the lady answering the call acted as though I was not dealing with reality.

I told her a lightening strike had started a fire on a mountain Accross the way from us and that if you dispatch a helicopter now before it grows it could be contained.

Two days later someone finally showed up and by then it was a little late.

My second point is that while I was employed with the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad stationed out of Medford I witnessed the out of controlled growth of dead overgrown trees and grass along the Green Belt along Bear Creek and the rail belt between Medford, Talent , and, Phoenix.

This situation was further exacerbated by the fact that that the municipalities mentioned above did not spend appropriate resources to curb this fire danger which I feel contributed heavily to the Almeda fire.

This was due to gross negligence on the the part of the above mentioned municipalities to procure the proper funding to remove the undergrowth in the fore mentioned Bear Creek Green Way.

Now that being said the creation of a fire map was a cheap and dirty scheme to recoup the losses from this fire and to create a smoke screen to cover the negligence contributing to this fire.

It almost seems that some of you may be stock holders in the fire insurance industry? I don't know for sure.

Lastly,

the letter we received from the state stating in plain English that "insurance companies cannot use this map to raise your rates"

Who I wonder is actually policing this fictitious statement?

Many of us have had well over 100 feet of defense able around our homes and have adhered to the rules.

In closing,

The forestry department has come to our property and expressed an interest in setting up a base of operations to fight fire on our land by Pleasant Creek.

I find it rather difficult to find charity in my heart to help the very people who are endangering my ability to keep my property financially.

We are retired and now have to go back to work to afford the rising costs of out of controlled insurance companies.

This is my appeal to your fire danger map and we are very disappointed in how this

has played out.

I remain as always a law abiding, tax paying citizen of the great state of Oregon and hope that we can find a little less aggressive methods to bring these problems closer to resolution.

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