

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE PART OF REBUILDING TO DATE?

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- Red Cross paying for motel rooms and housing.
- New housing being built and innovative housing design. (7)
- Government (city agencies) doing the best they can.
- Zone Captain's program weekly meetings – online Zoom meetings.
- Firebrand inviting local groups to talk about what they are doing.
- Disaster case manager help to apply for different programs.
- Good representatives – Pam Marsh and Ron Wydan.
- Things coming back together.
- Business supported and coming online.
- Awareness of the risk and climate connection.
- Unity: everyone suffered and now there is a lot of generosity among people in our community. (5)
- Community mobilization and community resilience. (2)
- School programs such as Community Care Program.
- Pucks reopening.
- Pride in Talent and Phoenix.
- Cleaned up thoroughly.
- New washing machine.
- ACCESS and Rogue Foods Unite were very helpful.
- Rogue Community Health has transitional housing for survivors.
- Tackling to get things done to meet deadlines.
- Cellphones allowed for connectivity.

WHAT ARE THE ROGUE VALLEY'S UNMET NEEDS?

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- Need more facilitated conversations.
- Affordable housing. (2)
- Unhoused people living in tents.
- Help for the people who are on the border of eligibility.
- Lack of staff in service industry and agencies.
- ACCESS takes a long time to return phone calls.
- Erratic connection between federal and state funding plus local funding.
- In Talent: multi-family housing issues, duplex next to private homes.
- Pollinator gardens and community gardens needed, very important native trees.
- Fire resistant spaces around home.
- Attention to sustainability, continuity, and community.
- Communities not affected by fire are resistant to talk to victims and resistant to doing fire hardening in their homes.
- More business recovery in Phoenix than in Talent.
- Fire control issues still/were terrible (plus no water).
- Group of seniors forced to use resources to recover places around them that a remained risk (BA/savings).
- Reemployment.
- High mortgage/loan payments.
- Ineligible for additional services.
- Health impact.
- More supportive financing options.
- Lack of available EMS staff in the area/ workforce and training for public and private enterprise.
- There are people that still need help.
- Insurance: many people still have no home insurance!
 - They don't know how it works.
 - They don't know if they are eligible.
 - There isn't enough information.
- Lack of fire-resistant construction standards (landscaping standards).
- Food scarcity.
- Diversity and equity.
- Reframing how we prepare for the disaster. (2)
- Labor/workforce shortage in rebuild and beyond.
- Housing availability.
- Lack of knowledge on how to prepare.
- Emergency preparedness: individuals to take personal responsibility, lack of motivation, one on one engagement.
- Community needs help from leadership.
- Notification systems. Wouldn't have known without cellphones.
- WRRRA helped with things not completed during recovery process. Won't reimburse for work already done – started too early to get funds for recovery.
- Need retail space for the stores that burned, permit issues, no space to replace businesses.
- High cost for rebuilding.
- Environmental awareness.
- Overbuilding with cedar fences that can burn.
- Impact studies/appeals of sneaky development without impact awareness – reducing fuels.
- No fire breaks.
- No evacuation routes.
- Pace of building is increasing.
- Weather – severe!
- Character of small town is gone, no shopping malls! We want quaint, friendly, seeing people you know, community anchors - businesses.

WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE FOR HELPING TO ADAPT TO THE LOCAL FIRE RISK?

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- Use art in spaces to facilitate conversations.
- Fire risk not only here but worldwide.
- Fire hardening around houses, educate/fund/availability - Ashland included. (3)
- Fire resistant building materials and landscaping.
- Wooden fences are an issue.
- Emergency response plan.
- Alerts, personnel, materials, resources (water).
- Train (CERT team).
- Support affordable hardening – no wood houses.
- Mandate with support \$\$\$.
- Know what roads and streets should be used for evacuation.
- Phone alerts/citizens alert/siren/mass alert that is universal all over the county.
- 3-day emergency kit (what documents are needed).
- Education about fire safety in schools so the youth can learn about the risk in our community and climate change and learn how to live with it. (2)
- Change the way in which English information is translated into Spanish (info to be more accessible).
- More native plants that are adapted to our environment. (2)
- Connecting people to resources.
- “Risk reduction clearing house.”
- Note of high winds.
- Controlled burns.
- Think about fire resistance in density zoning.
- Beef up land use impact statements.
- Stop illegal camping and address unpredictable fire sources.
- Address homelessness.
- Gap in housing availability – temporary & permanent (before and after fire).
- Clearing out dead trees - wait to see which ones will live.
- Erosion control.

WHAT IS YOUR #1 PRIORITY?

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- Manufactured homeowners park.
- Fire victims living outside Jackson County and want to return here.
- High rent prices.
- Sustainable affordable housing ex. elders on a budget, cost of utilities rent.
- Creating community affordable housing interwoven in the community with garden to grow food and pollinator gardens.
- Affordable insurance.
- Gentrification between Ashland and Phoenix.
- Keep the burned trees: important for the birds.
- Financial assistant FAIR.
- Evacuation routes/plan.
- Communications in Spanish.
- Sirens/alerts/notifications, an alert system that is universal for all types of emergencies. (2)
- Housing – we can rent but I feel more secure when I can own my home.
- Climate change.
- Natural resources/water.
- Fortify community systems.
- Food security on the local level.
- Undocumented people to feel supported.
- Undocumented people to be able to own their homes.
- Better communications of events and other community happenings for the Latino community.
- Risk mapping.
- Modeling of serial home burning in communities.
- Affordable housing.
- More housing.
- Preparedness and resilience. (2)
- WRRRA.
- Replanting trees.
- Firefighting airplane – community chip in!
- Environmental impact assessment. (2)
- \$ for rebuilding businesses. (2)
- Camping concerns.
- Planning for housing developments.
- Architectural character planning.