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Dear Commissioners:

Those of us rebuilding and repairing in the burn zones throughout the County have been very grateful for the temporary exclusion of vacation rentals. We continue to deal with issues of traffic through sensitive environments, trespassers who do not respect privacy or private property, and absentee purchasers seeking a good deal and future vacation rental from residents who can't take the stress and danger of the area any longer. We support the continuation of Vacation Rental exclusion in the burn zones and hope it will remain in the ordinance.

One other vacation rental issue deserves your concern. Right next to our neighbor's burnt out house a surviving house within the burn zone recently sold. It quickly listed on AirBnB for \$650 a night, but fine print on the calendar limits the rental to a 30 day period—not technically a vacation rental. This means we once again will have strangers on our difficult and damaged access road. We will have no knowledge of who is in the rental house when the next evacuation occurs. We will have people staying in the house during the fire months who have no vested interest in the area and no knowledge of the levels of fire-safe behavior we now routinely follow. During high fire danger, our neighboring state park will ban campfires or even be closed to camping, but a 30 day rental will have no such controls. Most disturbing--we may have an unknown number of frightened visitors with no knowledge of the area trying to evacuate on a winding one-lane road in the dark, while everyone else on the road tries to do the same.

A 30 day rental does not solve any of the problems acknowledged by the ordinance's restrictions. A rental in a burn zone should be a conventional rental, with a tenant who could be a neighbor, not another void in the neighborhood filled with rotating vacationers who contribute nothing but problems to our community.

Please consider including all vacation rentals to the fire zone exclusions.

Thank you,
Janet Hansen

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