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Opting in

My daughter and son-in-law are among the thousands of people who lost their homes in the Camp Fire. My son-in-law is a heavy equipment operator, and thankfully, still has heavy equipment to operate. His tractors and trailers came out of the fire with minor scorching, a lot luckier than the nearby house, which was annihilated.

It made sense that my son-in-law would be the one to operate his own equipment to haul away the debris from the remains of their house when it came time to rebuild. His cost of doing the work would be far less than hiring it out. He trusts his own work better than anyone else, anyway.

But that debris removal stuff got complicated. I began hearing of tricky and possibly expensive governmental requirements for cleaning up debris from burned property. Toxic inspections, soil sampling, not just debris removal.

I went to a meeting of government officials explaining the latest rules and requirements for the 12,000 or so people who own

property with burned down houses. "Each property owner must either opt in or opt out of

the government debris removal program," said a state representative. "Government workers will be responsible for the entire cleanup, at our cost, and we expect it to cost an average of \$80,000 per lot. Anyone who opts out must take care of it on their own, including sampling for toxics, and removing dirt until it is certified toxic-free."

"What if a property owner doesn't even know about opting in or out?" somebody asked.

"Then we will do the work and put a lien against their property. We need help finding all the property owners," said the representative.

I called my son-in-law and told him about the government program, particularly the \$80,000. Also, the deadline for opting in was in a couple of days. There is a website to visit for opting in, buttecountyrecovers.org.

"How much insurance is in your policy for lot-clearing?" I asked. "Fifteen thousand," he said.

He paused, then said, "What was the address of that website?"

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2511 Duffy Dr	Chico	\$395,000	3/2	1477
244 Mission Serra Ter	Chico	\$390,000	3/2	1414
204 Mission Serra Ter	Chico	\$365,000	3/2	1447
10 Saint Helens Ln	Chico	\$361,500	3/2	1248
1273 Howard Dr	Chico	\$330,000	3/1	1075
3000 Burnap Ave	Chico	\$321,000	2/1	1054
236 W 1st Ave	Chico	\$285,000	2/1	1068
2034 Salem St	Chico	\$280,000	2/1	875
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