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Lizz Porter and her family lost their home last fall in the River Fire. Now, their new home is almost done, but we stopped by to ask ... “why did you decide to enroll in the STATE funded wildfire clean-up???”

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Like thousands of survivors Lizz and her husband Jamie needed **every dollar** to rebuild. And like many, they discovered that insurance didn’t cover the total cost of private debris removal.

The state’s safety standards – including air monitoring - soil testing – ensures the community’s air, and water and land, are safe during the cleanup and when families return to their properties.

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[Wildfire victims can find more about survivor resources at [www.WildfireRecovery.ca.gov](http://www.WildfireRecovery.ca.gov)]

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### Extra soundbites

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"I think the cost is probably one of the biggest. I don't see any advantage in hiring your own unless there's a timing issue like if there's a thousand houses needing to be cleared but you're on the bottom of that list, I can see that getting really frustrating."

Our cleanup happened pretty quickly.

But if there's resources available that aren't going to take money out of your pocket, you should take advantage of them, is what it comes down to."