

Wine Country residents wonder where to live

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It's the loneliest part of the recovery.

After the ruins of their homes stop smoldering, after the donations slow, and after the emergency shelters close one by one, many people displaced by this month's fires will remain in limbo. They must find a new place to live, at least temporarily. But they are already struggling, one by one, to find homes – the most basic step in regaining what was lost.

The housing problem is expected to be so dire that up to 8,000 displaced residents will leave Sonoma County, said Sean McGlynn, the city manager of Santa Rosa, where the destruction is the heaviest. And the diaspora has already begun.

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