

Although Tom and I no longer live in Livermore, we had a connection to the High Park Fire in a special way.

On June 13th, our friends Brenda and Jerome Kraft who live in the 12th filing of Glacier View Meadows, came to live with us after the evacuation notice. At this time the fire had consumed 52,000 acres and was moving north to Glacier View. It was only 15% contained. The wind was very strong and we could smell the smoke here in Fort Collins.

By June 18th about 58046 acres were burnt and 189 houses lost. Brenda and Jerome had no knowledge of the status of their home. On June 22 at 7:30 pm the TV news updated the fire damage to 69,000 acres and only 45% contained. Houses near the Kraft house were burned and they didn't know how much damage was done to their home.

By June 24th 57 Glacier View houses were destroyed. The Kraft home was spared but many trees near the house were scorched and the fire had come within a couple of feet from their doorstep.

We shared their worry and concern not knowing if they even had a house to go back to and we shared their relief and happiness when they saw their house intact on a TV news report.

Thankfully, the fire was 100% contained by July 1st. The Krafts, since then, have replanted trees and spruced up the area. As 2013 comes to an end we all give thanks for Peace on Earth again in beautiful Livermore.

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