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Relief with the Red Cross
A day later, Quigley arrived at the Red Cross temporary evacuation shelter at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bozeman, her head still spinning.

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this is not good,” Nancy said. “They called the sheriff, grabbed a few things, hooked up their fifth-wheel and to evacuate, the last time they would see their two-story log home with the panoramic view of the Clearwater River standing. A second home they were renting out just up the mountain from them also was destroyed.

“Of all the places to have this happen, those guys got underneath that chicken coop had just 5 years old. Alysson is now a 26-year-old third-year veterinary student at Oregon State University.

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Weber brings experience to new role

The Idaho and Montana Disaster Services team is excited to announce that Barbara Weber has joined our region as the Disaster Program Manager serving Western Idaho and Eastern Oregon. Barbara brings a great deal of professional and Red Cross experience to this role.

She comes to the Red Cross after a 30-year career working in sales and marketing management positions for companies such as Hewlett Packard and Simplot. She developed marketing and training programs, built and managed strong customer and partner relationships, and frequently presented industry trends and marketing strategies at company and industry events. Barbara developed a passion for humanitarian work as a Red Cross volunteer in Disaster Cycle Services and has demonstrated leadership through her roles in disaster workforce management, training, deployment, disaster response and communications. Barbara has deployed on several national Disaster Relief Operations in public affairs, logistics, staff services and mass care. As a disaster instructor, she teaches a wide range of training courses at regional and Pacific Division Training Institutes.

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Providing comfort, care during wildfires

LEFT: Jack Smith meets with firefighters working the Woodhead fire near Cambridge. ABOVE: Bill and Linda Racicot and a four-legged friend at a recovery event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

LEFT: Diana Ochsner and Jim Brown deliver services in Twin Falls during the Badger fire. ABOVE: Holly Ellithorpe and Sheri-rily Hamilton volunteer at the temporary evacuation center in Roundup, helping those families impacted by the Bobcat fire.

Stars: More volunteers go out the door

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Sally Amador, Latah County (ID), 155 hours
Cheryl Minto, Ada County (ID), 153 hours
Ellen Barrvos, Ravalli County (MT), 134 hours
Dee Ellsworth, Ada County (ID), 132 hours

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Syd Bronson, Gallatin County (MT), 29 hours
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