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As Hurricanes Slam the South, the Western US Is Literally on Fire

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Amid the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and the impending destruction of Hurricane Irma, many Americans may not be aware that the western region of the country is suffering the opposite wrath of mother nature. From southern California to Washington, wildfires are engulfing thousands of acres of land and prompting thousands of evacuations. Many of the states battling the wildfires have been doing so all summer (<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/multimedia/2017-California-Wildfires-Brush-Fires-420888223.html>).

On Saturday, Washington Governor Jay Inslee [declared \(http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/wildfire-risk-prompts-inslee-to-declare-statewide-emergency/\)](http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/wildfire-risk-prompts-inslee-to-declare-statewide-emergency/) a state of emergency across the state due to the risk of wildfires, and the National Weather Service warned that 26 of the state's 39 counties were at very high or extreme risk. [According \(https://twitter.com/EcologyWA/status/904817691038326784\)](https://twitter.com/EcologyWA/status/904817691038326784) to the Washington Department of Ecology, "[a]lmost all of WA [was] awash in wildfire smoke" on Sunday. The department [noted \(https://twitter.com/EcologyWA/status/905097119756718081\)](https://twitter.com/EcologyWA/status/905097119756718081) air quality in many areas had suffered as a result. [According \(http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/ash-falls-like-snow-in-seattle-as-wildfires-rage/\)](http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/ash-falls-like-snow-in-seattle-as-wildfires-rage/) to NASA satellite imagery, smoke is also being pushed eastward across the U.S.

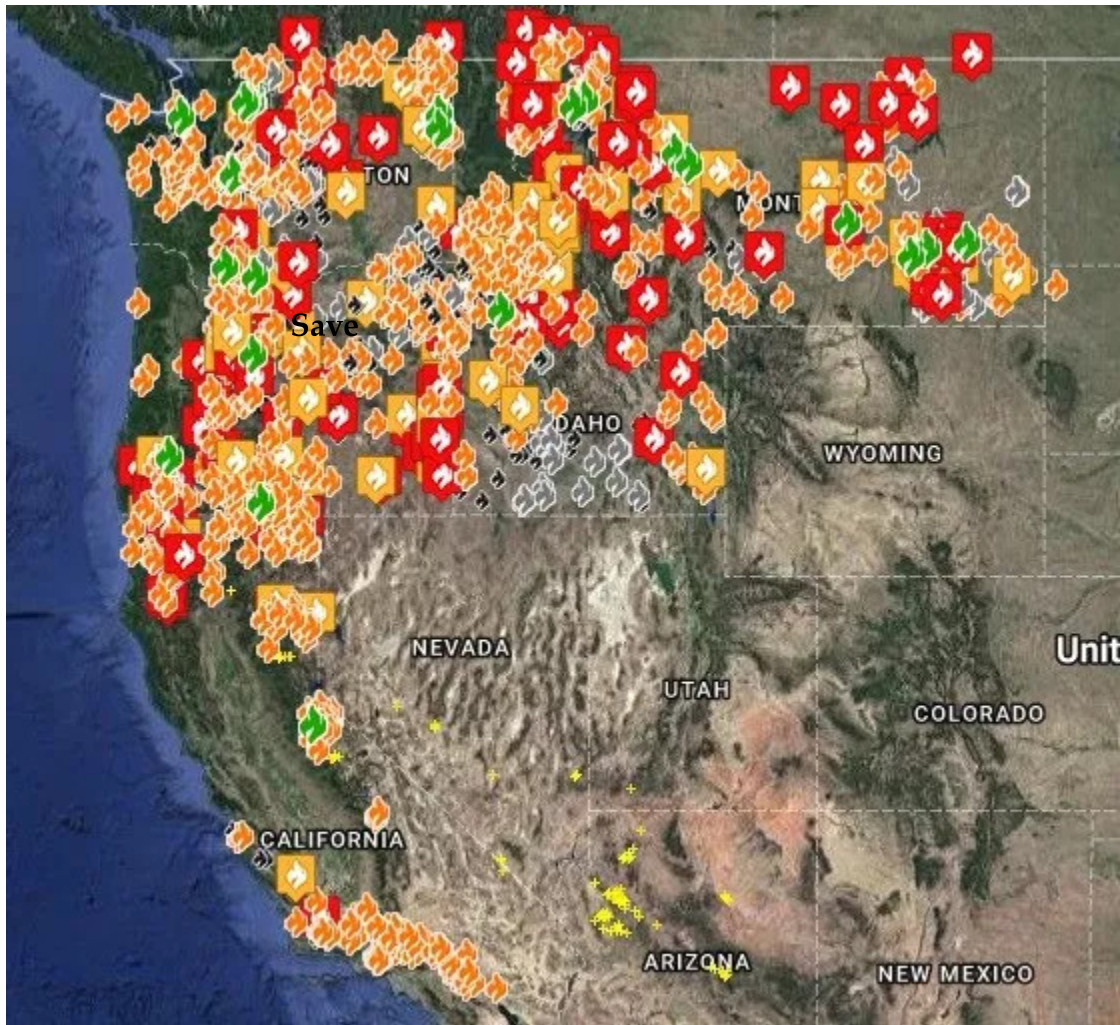


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Just one fire in Washington, east of the Cascades at Jolly Mountain (<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5496/>) in Kittitas County, was burning 15,000 acres as of Saturday. The *Seattle Times* reported (<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/wildfire-risk-prompts-inslee-to-declare-statewide-emergency/>) that “[r]oads in that area have been closed and about 3,800 homes have received Level 2 and Level 3 evacuation orders. Level 3 is the most urgent notice.” The Eagle Creek fire, burning on both sides of the Columbia River Gorge in Washington and Oregon, has torched 10,000 acres while the Norse Peak Fire in Pierce County has burned 19,000 and prompted evacuation orders. It has been burning (<https://www.facebook.com/NorsePeakFire/photos/a.112127919448948.1073741828.111968246131582/115646262430447/?type=3&theater>) since the middle of last month.