

Running Inside Me

Fires in the Northwest

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Yesterday I discovered something astonishing and I was so surprised that no major news outlet was covering it: **Montana was on Fire**; and not only Montana, the entire Northwest. All summer I thought we had escaped major fires in the state of Idaho, where I reside, but I knew something was up as our air quality is not the greatest right now and I knew fires had been raging through out Oregon, Washington and California but those were finally contained nearing the end of July; at least that is what I thought.

When a fire broke out in the City of Los Angeles (<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/04/us/los-angeles-wildfire/index.html>), the media coverage blew it up huge as it was the biggest fire to have hit the city at over 6,000 acres burning. As i began to read the comments on facebook, one woman caught my attention as she asked:

“Why is there no coverage on all the fires in Montana? Our state has burned over 600,000 acres and we have 35 fires burning right now but yet our state of Montana doesn’t make the world news! Sad because so many families and people in Montana have lost so much and could use help. Prayers for all these firefighters and all these families who have had to evacuate”

I was shocked when I read this. 600,000? That is 100,000 times greater than the fire in Los Angeles, and as much as the fire in LA is dangerous, she is right; where is the news coverage? So i began to dig a little deeper and found out just how severe this is.

