

# Wildfires ravage Northern California

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SANTA ROSA, Calif. — An onslaught of wildfires across a wide swath of Northern California broke out almost simultaneously then grew exponentially, swallowing up properties from wineries to trailer parks and tearing through both tiny rural towns and urban subdivisions.

Authorities said that at least 11 people are dead, with 100 injured, and as many as 1,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed. All three figures were expected to surge in the coming days as more information is reported.

A new blaze is threatening homes near the Oakmont area of Santa Rosa, a city already battling unforgiving wildfires.

Taken as a group, the fires are already among the deadliest in California history.

Residents who gathered at emergency shelters and grocery stores said they were shocked by the speed and ferocity of the flames. They recalled all the possessions they had left behind and were lost.

"All that good stuff, I'm never going to see it again," said Jeff Okrepkie, who fled his neighborhood in Santa Rosa knowing it was probably the last time he would see his home of the past five years standing.

His worst fears were confirmed Monday, when a friend sent him a photo of what was left: a smoldering heap of burnt metal and debris.

Some of the largest of the 14 blazes burning over a 200-mile region were in Napa and Sonoma counties, home to dozens of wineries that attract tourists from around the world. They sent smoke as far south as San Francisco, about 60 miles away.

Sonoma County said it has received more than 100 missing-person reports as family and friends scramble to locate loved ones.

The reports have come via calls to a hotline the county set up for the missing, according to Scott Alonso, communications director for Sonoma County.

It's possible that many or most of the missing are safe but simply can't be reached because of the widespread loss of cell service and other communications.

Much of the damage was in Santa Rosa, a far larger and more developed city than usually finds itself at the mercy of a wildfire. The city is home to 175,000 residents, including both the wine-country wealthy and the working class.



Michael Pond, left, looks through ashes as his wife Kristine, center, gets a hug from Zack Thurston, their daughter's boyfriend, while they search the remains of their home destroyed by fires in Santa Rosa, Calif.



Fire burns from an open gas valve near the pool area at the Journey's End trailer park in Santa Rosa, Calif., after a wildfire destroyed nearly all of the roughly 160 units in the park for residents over age 55.



Smoke and flames from fire at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country hotel in Santa Rosa, Calif.

The flames were unforgiving to both groups. Hundreds of homes of all sizes were leveled by flames so hot they melted the glass off of cars and turned aluminum wheels into liquid.

Former San Francisco Giants pitcher Noah Lowry, who now runs an outdoor sporting goods store in Santa Rosa, was forced to flee in minutes along with his wife, two daughters, and a son just over 2 weeks old.

"I can't shake hearing people scream in terror as the flames barreled down on us," Lowry said.

His family and another evacuating with them tried to take U.S. 101 to evacuate but found it blocked by

flames, and had to take country roads to get to the family friends who took them in.

A 90-mile stretch of the highway is framed by the flames and a major concern overnight, said Brad Alexander, a spokesman for the California Office of Emergency Services.

Highway 12, which winds through the heart of wine country, was also rendered unusable by the flames.

"Sonoma and Napa counties have been hit very hard," Alexander said.

The ferocity of the flames forced authorities to focus primarily on getting people out safely, even if it meant abandoning structures to the fire.

Firefighters rushed to a state home for the severely disabled when flames reached one side of the center's sprawling campus in the historic Sonoma County town of Glen Ellen.

Crews got the more than 200 people from the threatened buildings, one firefighter said, as flames closed within a few dozen feet.

Fires from ruptured gas lines dotted the smoky landscapes of blackened Santa Rosa hillsides. Fire trucks raced by smoldering roadside landscaping in search of higher priorities.

The flames were fickle in some corners of the city. One hillside home remained unscathed while a dozen

surrounding it were destroyed. Kim Hoe, a 33-year-old tech worker from Penang, Malaysia, was staying at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, which was gutted by flames. He said the power went out around 1 a.m., and he and his colleagues started packing up when someone knocked on the door and told them to run.

"We just had to run and run. It was full of smoke. We could barely breathe," Hoe said.

The large majority of the injured were treated for smoke inhalation, according to St. Joseph Health, which operates hospitals in the Santa Rosa area. Two were in critical condition and one was in serious condition. The number of injured is expected to climb as information comes in for all the other areas affected by the firestorm consuming the state.

Flames began coming over a ridge shortly after 11 p.m. Monday in an area bordering Oakmont and Tri-ona-Annadel State Park, Santa Rosa Police Sgt. Summer Black said. Most of the Oakmont area was evacuated earlier in the day.

October has generally been the most destructive time of year for California wildfires. What was unusual Sunday, however, was to have so many fires take off at the same time.

Other than the windy conditions that helped drive them all, there was no known connection between the fires, and no cause has been released for any of them.

But the conditions late Monday and early Tuesday were calmer than they were 24 hours earlier, bringing hopes of progress against the flames.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for the fire areas, and asked the federal government to do the same. Vice President Mike Pence, who is visiting California, said at an event near Sacramento that the federal government stands with California as it takes on the blazes, but he made no specific promises.

To the south in Orange County, more than 5,000 homes were evacuated because of a fire in the Anaheim area. The blaze had grown to nearly 12 square miles as of early Tuesday.

Anaheim police Sgt. Daron Wyatt said evacuations were not likely to be lifted Tuesday.

"The problem right now is that we're strapped for resources in the state of California," Wyatt said. "We have eight major fires going in Northern California and this fire going as well, and potential for more fires, especially with the weather pattern."

The fire has destroyed at least 24 structures.

# Prison: 'It has never made sense to warehouse this population'

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"We know that addiction and mental illness are the primary contributors to many drug and property crimes," said Andy Ko, executive director of Partnership for Safety and Justice.

Investing in drug abuse treatment, mental health care and other supportive services that address the underlying drivers of crime is the best

way to improve public safety, Ko said.

"It has never made sense to warehouse this population in expensive prison cells that cause more harm by separating them from their children and communities," he said.

Tim Colahan, executive director of the Oregon District Attorneys Association, said the changes need "to be judged by the impact on the rates of crime and recidivism."

"Safety should not be compromised for savings," he said.

Colahan, a former Harney County district attorney, said the state has long prioritized prison for the most violent criminals, and a small percentage of inmates are repeat property offenders.

"As a result, the population affected by the legislative changes in 2017 are virtually all high-risk

individuals," he said.

The Oregon Corrections Population Forecast projects the number of women inmates will drop by 8 percent between this year and September 2027.

Just a year ago, the Department of Corrections requested money to open the second women's prison in Salem because of chronic overcrowding at the state's only existing women's prison, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility


in Wilsonville. The Oct. 1 report puts plans for the second facility on indefinite hold.

The semiannual prison forecast gives state economists' projections for the population supervised by the state Department of Corrections. The information helps that agency and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to plan budgets and prison beds.

The semiannual report projects an overall 1 percent

decrease in the existing prison population over the next decade, even as the state's overall population is projected to grow by 12 percent. In contrast to women prisoners, the male prison population is still projected to grow slightly, by 0.7 percent, in the next decade.

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## TV SCHEDULE

THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING													OCTOBER 10	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Middle (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor (N)	Saves the World "Listen Up" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Middle (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor (N)	Saves the World "Listen Up" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	The Voice "The Blind Auditions" (N)	This Is Us "Deja Vu" (N)	Law & Order (N)		Law & Order (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Exit Strategy" (N)	Bull "A Business of Favors" (N)	NCIS: New O. "Dead Man Calling" (N)		NCIS: New O. "Dead Man Calling" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Exit Strategy" (N)	Bull "A Business of Favors" (N)	NCIS: New O. "Dead Man Calling" (N)		NCIS: New O. "Dead Man Calling" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Blind Auditions" (N)	This Is Us "Deja Vu" (N)	Law & Order (N)		Law & Order (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "The Flash Reborn" (SP) (N)	LegendTomor. "Aruba-Con" (SP) (N)	News at 10 (N)	[Mom]	News at 10 (N)	[Mom]	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Finding Your Roots "Unfamiliar Kin" (N)	The Vietnam War "The River Styx (January 1964-December 1965)"					POV "The Grown-Ups"		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Born to Run" (N)	The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Born to Run" (N)	The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) (5:00) MLB Baseball Division Series (L)				MLB Game	Family Guy			American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan		
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NBA Basketball Pre-season Chicago vs Cleveland (L)		NBA Basketball Pre-season Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center - Los Angeles, Calif. (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) 30 for 30	College Football Playoff "Top 25"	The Fantasy Show	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show	NBA Basketball Pre-season		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	StickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Andi Mack	Nicky in Middle	Girl Meets World	Raven's Home	Liv Maddie Cali	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs	*** Mulan (1998, Animated) Eddie Murphy, BD Wong, Ming-Na Wen.	*** Aladdin ('92, Ani) Voices of Scott Weinger, Linda Larkin, Robin Williams.								The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Wild ('14, Bio) Gabby Hoffman, Reese Witherspoon.	Wild (2014, Biography) Gabby Hoffman, Laura Dern, Reese Witherspoon.							Aloha (2015, Comedy/Drama) Rachel McAdams, Emma Stone, Bradley Cooper.				
38	LIFE	(38) Grey's Anatomy "All by Myself"		Dance Moms	NCAA Football Portland State vs. Montana State	Dance Moms: Dance and Chat (N)	Dance Moms (N)			DanceMom (N) /:10) DanceMom (N)		Dance Moms		
39	ROOT	(39) Focused (N)	In the Spotlight	Press Pass	NCAA Football Portland State vs. Montana State							H.S. Football O'Dea vs. Eastside Catholic		
39	FS1	(39) (4:00) UFC UFC 70: Nations Collide	UFC Main Event "St-Pierre vs. Diaz" (N)	Speak for Yourself				Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				NASCAR Race Hub		
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) Ink Master	Ink Master "Head in the Game"	Ink Master "Turning the Tables"	Ink Master "Revenge Live"					Ink Master: Angels (N)		Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Night.	
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)	Jim Jefferies (N)	The Daily Show	The Opposition	
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "Khopesh"		Forged in Fire "The War Hammer"		Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "Tabar-Shishpar" (N)	(05) CountCars (N)	(35) CountCars (N)	(05) Forged in Fire "Tabar-Shishpar"		Undercover High (P) (N)	Undercover High	
45	A&E	(45) Remini: Scientology		L. Remini "The Rise of David Miscavige"		Remini: Scientology (N)		Remini: Scientology (N)		Undercover High (P) (N)		Undercover High	Intervention	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress "Empire State of Bride"		Johnston "Dad's Wearing Mom's Pants"		The Little Couple "He peed! He peed!"	The Little Couple "I'm a Little Boss" (N)	7 Johnstons "Tour de Johnston" (N)		(05) The Little Couple "I'm a Little Boss"		Street Justice "The Savage Skulls"	Street Justice "The Savage Skulls"	
48	DISC	(48) Street Justice: The Bronx		Street Justice: The Bronx		Street Justice:Bronx "The Reckoning"	Street Justice "The Savage Skulls" (N)	48 Hours		American High "The World Is Not Black"		American High "All Hands On Deck"	American High "All Hands On Deck"	
49	NGEO	(49) The '90s "Enemy Within"												
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) *** The Hunger Games (12) Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence.		*** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (13) Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence.						(45) The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1				
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ** Volcano (1997, Action) Anne Heche, Gabby Hoffman, Tommy Lee Jones.		** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011, Action) Penelope Cruz, Ian McShane, Johnny Depp.						Chrisley Knows (N) Chrisley (N)		Pompeii (2014, Adventure) Kit Harington.		
52	USA	(52) Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	WWE Super Smackdown				Chopped "Alton's Challenge: Part 1" (N)		Chopped "Souper Chefs"		
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "All-Stars Tournament: Part 4"		Chopped		Chopped "Stick With It!" (N)	Chopped "Flour Power"			House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper "The Flipper Upper"		Fixer Upper				Cult "Mid-Western Assassin" (N)		Cult "Mid-Western Assassin"		
56	FX	(56) (4:00) Fast & Furious 6 (13) Vin Diesel.		** Furious 7 (2015, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.						Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Story		Tucker Carlson Tonight		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Adventure Cap "Sandstone Country"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Adventure Cap "Sandstone Country"		Paid Program		
63	BRV	(63) Below Deck "Jesus Saves"		Below Deck "Kate Goes to Church"		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck		WatchWhat	Below Deck	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Cat People	**** The Body Snatcher (45) Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff.			Man in Shadow A look at the career of producer Val Lewton.	*** I Walked With a Zombie (43) Tom Conway.					The Seventh Victim (43) Tom Conway.		
65	SYFY	(65) ** A Nightmare on Elm Street 5: The Dream Child (89) Robert Englund.		** Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare (91) Lisa Zane, Robert Englund.				Trick'r Treat (2008, Adult) Dylan Baker, Brian Cox, Anna Paquin.						
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen	Chasing (N)	Horseman. "Ranch Rally Sneak Peek"		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen		Chasing-Madison	Product Showcase	