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King Bass, 6, left, sits and watches the Holy Fire burn from the top of his parents' car as his sister Princess, 5, rests her head on his shoulder in Lake Elsinore, Calif.

# WILDFIRES RAVAGE THE WEST

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**W**ildfires continue to burn across many parts of the western half of the country including California, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Montana and other places. Canada is also dealing with fire, as multiple large incidents burn in British Columbia contributing to poor air quality in the Pacific Northwest. And while debate rages about climate change, forest management, fire suppression and skyrocketing costs of fighting fires, thousands of men and women are still on the ground and in the air battling intense out-of-control blazes.



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A firefighter battles the Holy Fire in the Cleveland National Forest in Lake Elsinore, Calif.



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A firefighter lights a back burn while battling the Hat Fire near Fall River Mills, Calif.

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A firefighter sets a back burn to fight the Holy Fire as it burns in the Cleveland National Forest along a hillside at Temescal Valley in Corona, Calif.



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Video Journalist Chris O'Neal records the sun visible through thick smoke from a wildfire as a helicopter flies past him in Lake Elsinore, Calif.  
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