

# Biden to talk wildfires with leaders of Western states

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WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will meet Wednesday with Cabinet officials and leaders from Western states, including California Gov. Gavin Newsom, as he faces what could be another devastating year of wildfires with drought conditions worsening and searing temperatures spreading.

The situation has alarmed experts and public officials, who warn that this year's fire season could outpace last year's, which

was the worst on record. Blazes have already ignited around California, where dry vegetation has left large swaths of the state primed to explode into flames, even as the federal government struggles to hire firefighters.

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The California National Guard deployed a month earlier than last year, sending helicopters to drop water on the Lava

fire near Mount Shasta. It's the largest active fire in the state, burning more than 13,000 acres since sparking Thursday, and Newsom announced Tuesday that the federal government was going to help cover some of the costs.

Western states are eager for Washington to step up its commitment after President Donald Trump repeatedly blamed them for failing to prevent and stop wildfires — particularly California, which he said failed to "clean your forests" of combustible vegetation.

The threat comes amid staffing shortages at the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, problems exacerbated by low pay, competition from state and local fire departments and exhaustion from last year's fire season.

More than a month after seasonal hiring would typically have ended, the federal government is still trying to fill vacant positions on Hotshot crews, the most elite and experienced firefighting teams. Although these crews are venerated for leading the attack against the most difficult fires,

some have had so many veteran firefighters quit that they've been downgraded to a lower-ranking status.

Nationally, fire management teams are having to compete with each other for crews and equipment much earlier in the season than in years past. On June 22, the National Inter-agency Fire Center, which coordinates fire response from Boise, Idaho, raised the national preparedness to level 4 on a 1 to 5 scale, saying it was the second earliest it had reached that point.

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## Heat dome

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Wind directions have played a crucial role in the coverage and magnitude of the excessive heat. The high-pressure system has been centered near the international border, with clockwise flow around it bringing easterly winds for much of the Columbia River Basin and, broadly, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Between Saturday and Monday, the easterly winds helped push the coastal marine layer, or zone of ocean-chilled air, back over the water, permitting the heat to extend into the Interstate 5 corridor from Seattle south to Medford, and even to the coast in some areas.

But as the low-pressure area weakened and shifted to the north late Monday, it allowed onshore flow of winds off the ocean to return to coastal areas, which brought significant cooling.



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A person walks past a Molly Moon's Ice Cream store Monday in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. The store was closed due to excessive heat as Seattle and other cities in the Pacific Northwest endured the hottest day of an unprecedented and dangerous heat wave, with temperatures obliterating records that had been set just the day before.

Portland had its biggest overnight drop in temperature on record between Monday evening and Tuesday morning, as the mercury plummeted 52 degrees, from 116 to 64.

"It was very, very nice, a

much-needed break," Muesse said.

But this onshore wind won't offer relief for interior locations that are predicted to bake under the heat dome for the next several days.

## Climate change

A heat wave of this magnitude required weather systems and winds to align, but it could not have been this extreme without human-caused climate change.

The role of climate change has been to substantially increase the likelihood of record-breaking temperatures.

Simple logic dictates a climate experiencing a background warming of several degrees will be more prone to hotter heat events. It's like a slam dunk in basketball — if the floor rises, it becomes easier to score.

"Summers in the Pacific Northwest are about 3 degrees warmer today than 50 or 100 years ago," said Zeke Hausfather, a climate scientist at the Breakthrough Institute. "All things equal, we would think a heat wave today would be about 3 degrees warmer."

Such warming, Hausfather said, means exceptionally

strong heat waves, such as this, become more frequent.

"Heat waves that used to occur as 1-in-1,000-year events are becoming 1-in-100-year events and 1-in-100-year events are becoming 1-in-20," he said.

In addition, drought, which has connections to climate change, is playing a role as both a cause and effect of the ongoing heat. Fifty-five percent of the West is experiencing an extreme or exceptional drought — the two most severe categories — including about a quarter of Washington and nearly a third of Oregon. Dry air heats up considerably faster than humid air. That means the same input of heat can foster a higher temperature.

Research shows climate change has worsened the "megadrought" over much of the West, because warming temperatures dry out the land surface more quickly.

Looking ahead, observed temperatures associated with the heat wave are actually helping to dry out the area even further, while the impetus for the heat — high pressure — diverts precipitation and storm systems to the north. That will make high temperatures even tougher to shake.

Finally, it's possible that climate warming has changed the jet stream to increase the strength of hot weather patterns such as what we've seen in the Pacific Northwest this week.

Michael Mann, a climate scientist at Pennsylvania State University, with colleagues, published a study in 2018 that connects summer weather extremes with a fundamental change in how the jet stream is behaving during the summer.

Hausfather said "robust debate" continues in the scientific community about the role of climate change on jet stream patterns.

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