

Wildfire Emergency Strikes with Nearly 100 Fires Out West, 3 Firefighters Dead

Wildfires continue to burn out of control in the West, where firefighters are working to contain nearly 100 large fires.

Hundreds of thousands of acres have been scorched in Utah, where two pilots were killed fighting a 174-square-mile wildfire that's still burning.

Their helicopter, flying in an area of steep terrain, crashed, igniting another fire.



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Burk Minor with the Wildland Firefighter Foundation said, "Unfortunately, the fire does not stop to let our boots on the ground mourn their fallen comrades. So it's very heavy out there."

In southern Oregon, residents have been forced to evacuate as the "Wrights Spring" fire continues to grow in size. A bulldozer operator died while helping firefighters. The flames cut off his escape route.

Along the California-Nevada border, the "Bug" fire is threatening homes near Reno.

The Western fires are fueled by extremely hot and dry conditions, and are straining firefighting resources.

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