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West Coast Fires Worst In 5 years and costing 1 billion \$

1 billion to fight west coast fires

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The value on volunteer services if paid would easily double the amount. I spoke to several volunteer past and present and they said they are glad to serve and protect the public, animals, and resources.

The national fire agency has stated this is one of the highest level of alert seen in 5 years and one of the worst fire situations on the west coast.

The conditions are not expected to improve any time soon.

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There have been 33,000 fires that have burned 3.4 million acres so far with nearly 17,000 people fighting fires.

The climate has been changing producing hotter, drier, weather in the last 20 years. Fires are being experienced in areas that typically don't see the problem. The problem is only going to get worse with even drier weather predicted.

Remember to be on the lookout and be prepared to leave and listen to instructions. Report smoke and or fires and it is better for it to be reported 100 times than not at all. The public can help by not assuming someone called in a fire report.

Some fires can be contained faster if the report has come in sooner.

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