

A person in a dark shirt is standing in the foreground, looking towards a massive, intense wildfire that fills the background. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with thick smoke rising from it. The person's arms are slightly raised, and they appear to be observing the fire. The overall scene is dramatic and urgent.

**PREPARE FOR
AND SURVIVE A
WILDFIRE**

Wildfire Impact

The United States averages over 73,000 wildfires every year.

They cause 2 billion dollars worth of damage annually.

Over 7 million acres are burned annually.

They kill over 340,000 people worldwide each year.

What is a Wildfire?

A wildfire is an unplanned, unwanted fire.

They can be caused naturally, usually by lightning.

However, most are human-initiated, either by campfires, cigarettes, broken power lines, outdoor burning that gets out of control or arson.

When is a Wildfire threat the greatest?

They can occur any time throughout the year.

The potential is greatest during periods of drought.

High winds make a wildfire very dangerous and unpredictable.

They can move very fast!

Where Wildfires Start in the U.S.

% of acres touched by wildfires, 1992 - 2015

Bottom 10% acres burned



Top 10% acres burned

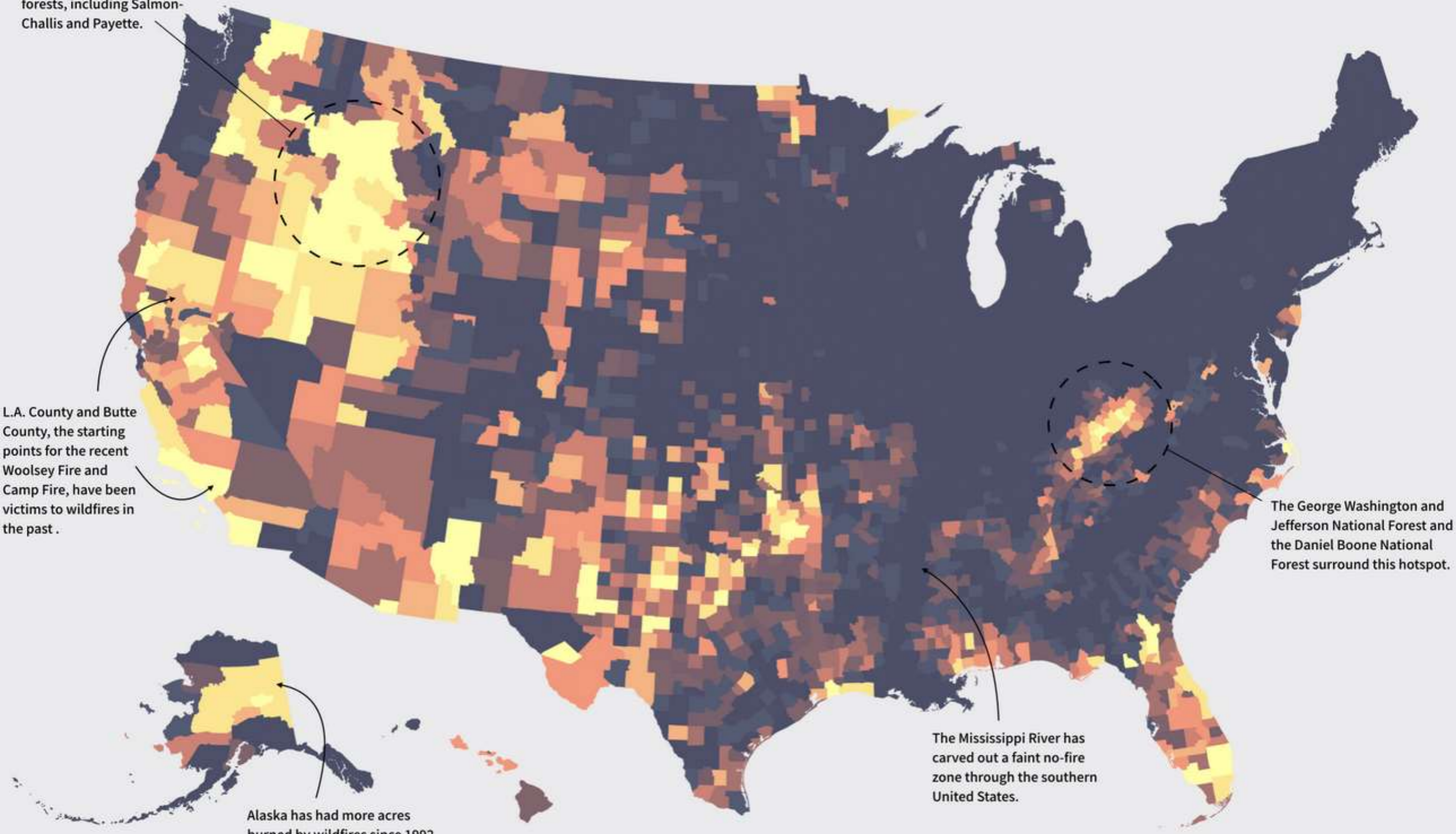
Idaho is home to several of the nation's largest national forests, including Salmon-Challis and Payette.

L.A. County and Butte County, the starting points for the recent Woolsey Fire and Camp Fire, have been victims to wildfires in the past.

Alaska has had more acres burned by wildfires since 1992 than any other state in the U.S.

The Mississippi River has carved out a faint no-fire zone through the southern United States.

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest and the Daniel Boone National Forest surround this hotspot.



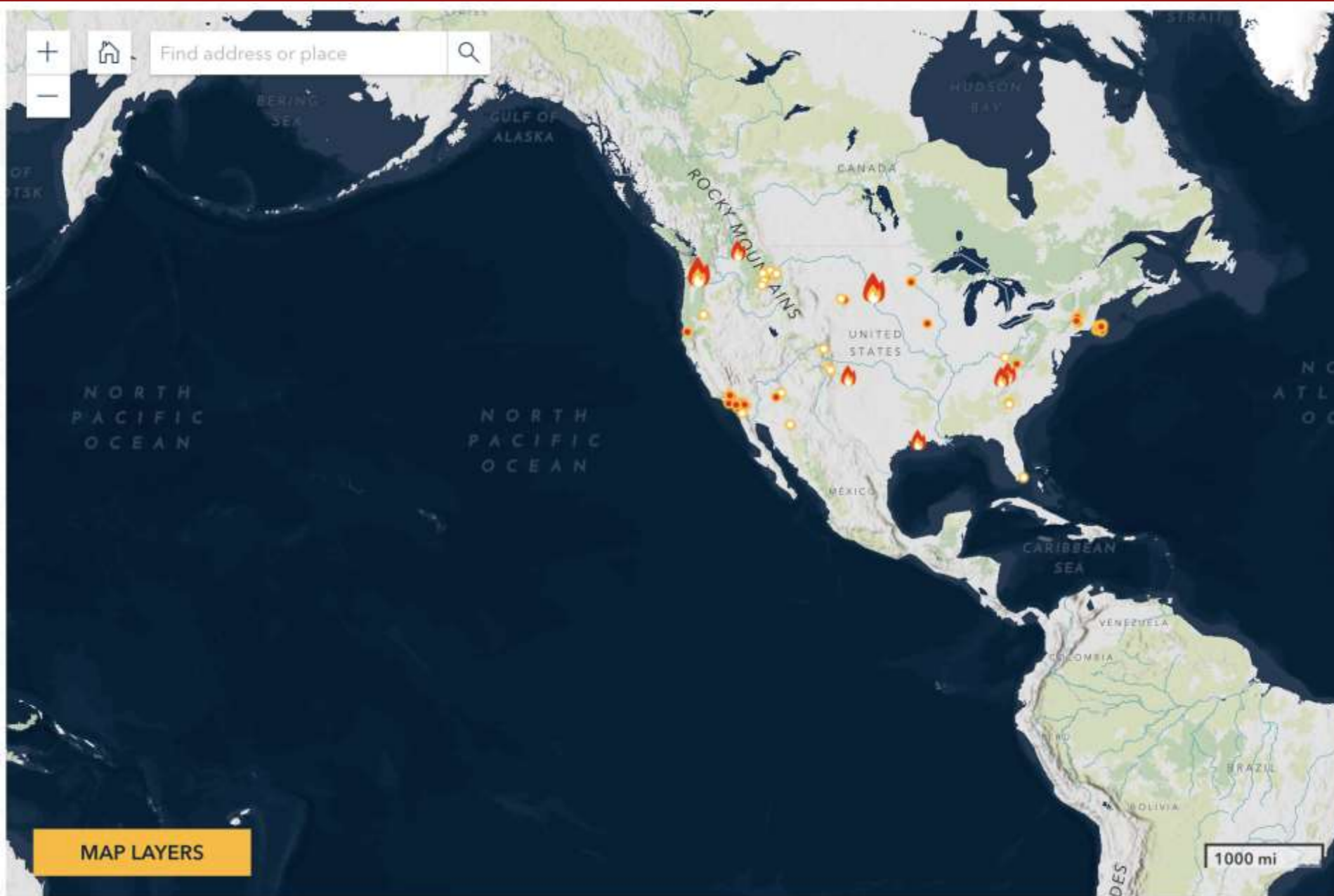
Make sure you know what your local wildfire alert system is. Normally, alerts are broadcast to all cell phones within range.

However, because wildfires are unpredictable and can shift quickly depending on winds, be proactive in tracking any wildfire.

There are several maps that indicate threat levels.

Here is a page that collects several:

<https://www.esri.com/en-us/disaster-response/disasters/wildfires>



WILDFIRE AWARE - Esri

Select a fire name from the list or click on the map for US wildfire community awareness.

135 FIRES IN VIEW

PERSONNEL DATE NAME SIZE

DECEMBER 17

PIGEON PASS RD / HEMLOCK AV
0.01 acres

SUNNYMEAD BL / HEACOCK ST
0.01 acres

DECEMBER 16

PROMENADE WY / RING RD
0.01 acres

LAC-429194
0.01 acres

JENNIE ST / SAMANTHA PL
0.01 acres

N PERRIS BL / W WALNUT ST
0.01 acres

ALESSANDRO BL MOVA
0.01 acres

LAC-428566
0.01 acres

LILAC 7
0.01 acres

Wildfire Impact

They kill humans and animals

They destroy buildings and structures

They destroy far from the actual fire— embers can be blown by the wind and set fire to structures over a mile away

Smoke can kill and cause health issues, even many miles away

Wildfires affect the land for years after with lost vegetation and the subsequent greater threat of flood and landslides

A fast-moving wildfire has a wall of heat in front of it that you cannot see.

But you will feel it.

It will spontaneously combust flammable material even when there is no visible flame.

The larger the fire, the more it makes its own wind.

Wildfire Preparation

Your Home

Keep your roof and gutter free of leaves.

Store firewood at least thirty feet away from structures (do not pile up on an outside wall).

Outdoor furniture should be made of noncombustible material.

Clear the area around your house of combustible material, such as leaves, bark, pine needles, and underbrush.

The optimum clear area is 100 feet.

Wildfire Preparation

If constructing in a wildfire area, carefully choose fire-proof materials not only for the building, but also gates, fences, landscaping, etc.

Know your evacuation routes.

Plan your transportation. If you need to share, make preparations now. Realize public transportation is likely to be disrupted. Find out what your community has planned in case of evacuation.

Have a pre-planned place to stay if evacuated.

Have your IRP (Immediate Rally Point), ERP (Emergency Rally Point) and out of area contact ready and everyone updated on them.

(explained in Area Study Workbook and Survival Guide)

Wildfire APPs

There are Wildfire APPs for both Android and Apple.

There are more apps for emergencies and disasters on my Free Apps slideshare. Link is at the end.



Know how to use fire extinguishers, evacuate your house, etc. as you would in normal fire preparation.

More on that in my slideshare on FIRE, link at the end.

Use caution any time you start a fire.

Do not use welders or equipment that sparks on dry, windy days.

Do not park in tall, dry grass or piles of leaves; the heat from your exhaust system could ignite them.

Keep propane and gas away from structures.

Be ready to evacuate.

Besides your Grab-n-Go bag (link at end) here are special considerations and advice from those who've been affected by wildfires.

-fuel your car and keep it topped off, even if you think you are not under direct threat.

-make a video of everything in your house and store it in the cloud or elsewhere for insurance purposes.

If you have an irrigation system, turn it on.

Have a secure, water and fireproof lockbox always packed and ready to be grabbed. Also, uploading the information into the cloud gives you a backup.

Mild: Scan and store in cloud and on thumb drive the following documents.

Then put in a mobile, fireproof secure box

| Stored | Scanned | Cloud | Documents |
|--------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | Birth Certificates |
| | | | Passports/Visas |
| | | | Home insurance documents |
| | | | Car insurance documents and registration |
| | | | Health insurance documents/Medical Cards |
| | | | Employment records |
| | | | Tax returns |
| | | | Drivers licenses |
| | | | Social Security Card |
| | | | Back-up ID (student ID, military, VA, etc.) |
| | | | Credit Cards |
| | | | Medical history |
| | | | Power of attorney |
| | | | Wills |
| | | | Concealed carry license |
| | | | Important phone numbers |
| | | | Titles/Deeds/etc |
| | | | Marriage License |
| | | | At least one statement from all financial accounts with account #, phone number, address, etc. |
| | | | All military and VA records |
| | | | Thumb drive with video of house and all contents |

Pack enough supplies (Grab-n-Go) but water is the most critical!

If evacuated, call your insurance company ASAP so they can start a claim #.

Keep receipts of everything you buy while evacuated.

Key things to pack:

Drivers license/photo ID/Passport

Social Security Card

Bank and credit cards

Health insurance card

Roadside assistance card

Cash

Extra fuel

WATER

Key things to have packed and
ready to go:

Phone charger

Deed for house

Insurance paperwork

Prescriptions

First aid kit

(a complete list is in Survival Guide)

Wildfire Evacuating

Leave as soon as you get notice. You cannot defeat a wildfire. People are more important than a house or objects.

Leave gates open for firefighters and others.

Drive with headlights on.

Turn on any irrigation system.

If it's smoky close all windows and set recirculate.

Wildfire Evacuating

If trapped in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation— parking lot, gravel area, dirt.

Close all windows and vents.

Cover yourself with a blanket or coat and lie on the floor.

Car tires may burst from heat.

If trapped in your house:

Use irrigation or a hose or sprinkler to wet the yard.

Wet the roof.

Turn off all propane and gas.

Close all windows and doors and fireplace flues.

Move fabric furniture away from large windows or glass doors.

Turn off everything that circulates air in the house.

Close all interior doors.

Turn on all lights to make the house more visible from the outside for rescuers.

Disconnect automatic garage door openers so you can open by hand if you lose power.

If you have a pool, put outdoor furniture in it.

Fill everything possible with water (tubs, sinks, etc)

Wildfire

Wildfires are one of the most frightening and dangerous natural disasters. Being prepared can bring peace of mind.

And save your life!

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