### Claim

Claim: "Russia offered assistance for the California wildfires from January 2025."

# **Actions**

web\_search("Russia California wildfires assistance January 2025")

## **Evidence**

#### Evidence from web\_search

Tasnim News Agency reported on January 12, 2025, that Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova commented on the California wildfires, pointing out the hypocrisy of the US. (<a href="https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2025/01/12/3236714/russia-notes-us-hypocrisy-in-california-fire-case">https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2025/01/12/3236714/russia-notes-us-hypocrisy-in-california-fire-case</a>)



The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS) published an article on January 15, 2025, discussing how Russian state-affiliated accounts leveraged the California wildfires to sow division. (<a href="https://www.gmfus.org/news/inflaming-divides-russian-narratives-california-wildfires">https://www.gmfus.org/news/inflaming-divides-russian-narratives-california-wildfires</a>) NPR published an article on January 16, 2025, stating that pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a narrative about the Los Angeles wildfires. (<a href="https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine">https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine</a>)



### **Elaboration**

The evidence does not mention Russia offering assistance for the California wildfires. Instead, it indicates that Russia commented on the wildfires, and Russian state-affiliated accounts leveraged the wildfires to sow division.

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# **Final Judgement**

The provided evidence does not support the claim that Russia offered assistance for the California wildfires. The search results indicate that Russia commented on the wildfires and that Russian state-affiliated accounts used the wildfires to sow division.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### Justification

The search results show that Russia commented on the California wildfires and that Russian state-affiliated accounts used the wildfires to sow division, but there is no evidence of Russia offering assistance, as reported by the <u>Tasnim News Agency</u>, the <u>German Marshall Fund of the United States</u>, and <u>NPR</u>.