

# Claim

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

# Actions

`web_search("Russia California wildfires assistance 2025")`

# Evidence

## Evidence from `web_search`

Tasnim News Agency published an article on January 12, 2025, discussing Russia's comments on the California wildfires, including comments from Maria Zakharova. The article mentions that wildfires began to spread across Los Angeles County on January 7. (<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2025/01/12/3236714/russia-notes-us-hypocrisy-in-california-fire-case>)



The Dispatch published an article on January 15, 2025, discussing claims that Russia offered sanctuary to California fire victims. Vladimir Saldo offered to accept Americans who lost

their homes in the California fires, but only those who haven't supported Ukraine since February 2022. (<https://thedispatch.com/article/assessing-claims-that-russia-offered-sanctuary-to-california-fire-victims/>)



An NPR article, published on January 16, 2025, discusses how pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a false narrative about the Los Angeles wildfires. (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>)



## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Russia's involvement in the California wildfires of January 2025 included commentary and offers of sanctuary, but not assistance. An article from The Dispatch states that Vladimir Saldo offered to accept Americans who lost their homes in the California fires, but only those who haven't supported Ukraine since February 2022 (<https://thedispatch.com/article/assessing-claims-that-russia-offered-sanctuary-to-california-fire-victims/>).

Additionally, an NPR article discusses how pro-Kremlin social media accounts spread a false narrative about the Los Angeles wildfires (<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/16/nx-s1-5259842/los-angeles-california-fires-russia-ukraine>).

The evidence does not mention Russia offering assistance for the California wildfires.

## Final Judgement

The evidence shows that Russia commented on the California wildfires and offered sanctuary to some victims, but there is no mention of Russia offering assistance. Therefore, the claim is not factually accurate.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

### **Justification**

The claim is false. While Russia commented on the California wildfires and offered sanctuary to some victims, there is no evidence of Russia offering assistance, as reported by sources like [The Dispatch](#) and [NPR](#).