

2020 Oregon's Fires

On September 4th, 2020, a red-flag warning was issued for much of Oregon as high wind gusts threatened to spark, and carry, fires for miles. The resulting fires burned 1,000,000 acres of land; razed 5 towns; destroyed 3,000 buildings, including several trailer homes; and killed 11 civilians and firefighters. Throughout the next 2 weeks, over 13% of Oregonians would be put under some kind of evacuation order in a catastrophe that put more carbon into the air than the state's annual power usage. The repercussions of the Labor Day Fires were felt in every corner of the state, but for many regions, the process of rebuilding is just beginning.

Cumulative Acres Burned

Sept 4

Red Flag Warning issued for high wind speeds

Sept 8

Towns of Phoenix and Talent burn down overnight

Sept 9

Towns of Detroit, Vida, and Blue River are destroyed

Sept 10

Fires surge, consuming over 1 million acres of forest land

Sept 16

Within two weeks, Oregon has had as many megafires as it had between 1900-2000

Sept 18

Most fires have been contained and/or mopped up

