

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though you were making his appeal through ns. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

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Wildfires threaten home

HIGHLAND, Calif. (AP) — Aided by relatively mild weather, hundreds of firefighters made slow but steady progress Sunday against a wildfire feeding on an area of dense brush and timber that hadn't burned in nearly 50 years.

Hundreds of evacuees remained out of their homes because of that and other wildfires in the West.

The fire in the San Bernardino National Forest about 60 miles east of Los Angeles was 30 percent contained Sunday after charring some 1,350 acres, said Georgia Smith, a fire information officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

Temperatures were only in the upper 50s before dawn Saturday, following highs in the 90s Saturday, while humidity rose to above 50 percent, fire information officer Marc Stamer said. He said firefighters were racing to try to get as much of a perimeter line around the fire as they could before hot, dry weather returned.

At one point, the fire had threatened as many as 1,500 homes, prompting the evacuation of the 400 closest to the flames. Many of the residents forced to leave likely wouldn't be allowed to return before Monday, Stamer said.

Wildfires rage as towns evacuate

Firefighters are attempting to control fires that are threatenny thousands of homes and causing people to leave their below for safer areas.

Burning acreage

 San Bernardino National Forest – 15 percent contained after scorching 1,352 acres about 60 miles east of Los Angeles

 Camp Sherman – Town has evacuated while fire burns 88,000-acre complex nearby
 Methow Valley – Evacuated town because a 7,000-acre

fire is burning 3 miles away Glacier National Park – Fire that has burned 52,500

acres nearby is now threatening park around Lake McDonald

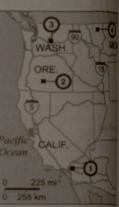
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"We're mentally prepared for at least two days," said one evacuee, Woody Andrews of Running Springs. In all, about 1,000 people

were displaced, Stamer said. The fire started Friday about

four miles from Highland, in an area where thousands of trees had been killed by Western pine bark beetles, said Karen Terrill, fire information officer for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

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