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New weather report suggests California may have another intense fire season

By Ashley Mackey, ABC7.COM

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About 85% of fires in the west are manmade and the rest are due to weather conditions, a meteorologist says.

Wildfires in California have become a year-round concern. As we move into a warmer, dryer climate, meteorologists anticipate more acres will burn this year nationwide.

"We went out today with a projection of the wildfire season for the entire nation at 8.1 to 8.3 million acres being burned. That's up from the 7.1 last year," said Paul Pastelok, a senior meteorologist at AccuWeather. "And California, we do feel, is a state that's in big concerns."

Pastelok said while it's too early to get specific, weather predictions, California's current drought situation and risk factors of people starting fires make this a serious situation.

"I can't say when exactly or where exactly those fires are going to be at this point," Pastelok said. "But we can just look at the forecast that we are going for during that time period and come up with some ideas compared to other years."

Pastelok said about 85% of fires in the west are manmade, and the rest are due to weather conditions. As we get into the warmer season, he said we should be careful around dry natural fuels like brush and bushes.

"I think that a lot of people are itching to get out and go into camping mode," Pastelok said. "But in this situation that we're in, they should know ahead of time that maybe that's something we have to eliminate or not do at that point."

Fire departments are also preparing for fire season and implementing new tools and technology to help, like heavy machinery and drones.

"It's one of the tools that's come a long way just like any other tool," said **San Bernardino County Fire** Captain Ted Mohr. "This one adds a lot, especially for incident commanders and the management teams. They're able to see more of what's happening with the fire if they don't have a helicopter or a plane to give them that birds-eye view."

https://abc7.com/california-may-have-another-intense-fire-season-climate-accuweather-ongoing-drought/11824198/

Vegetation fire in Helendale, fueled by 20-40mph winds, threatening buildings by CBSLA STAFF, CBSNEWS.COM

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A vegetation fire broke out in Helendale Sunday, threatening several structures in the nearby area.

The blaze was first reported at around 4:45 p.m. in the area of the National Trails and Indian Trail, covering over 17 acres as of 7 p.m. Sunday evening.

San Bernardino County Fire Department crews on scene detailed that high-powered winds between 20 and 40 miles per hour were pushing the fire's forward movement. Nearly 80 firefighters were on hand to battle the flames.

They also indicated that 10 to 15 buildings were threatened by the flames, though no evacuation orders had been issued.

https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/vegetation-fire-in-helendale-fueled-by-20-40mph-winds-threatening-buildings/

Mother's Day Morning Rollover Crash Leaves One Dead On Southbound I-15

By Staff Writer, PAIN IN THE PASS

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APPLE VALLEY, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> California Highway Patrol is investigating a solo vehicle roll-over crash that left one person dead on this Mother's Day morning.

The crash occurred at approximately 7:00am, Sunday May 8, 2022. The crash was located on southbound Interstate 15 just after Wild Wash Road. California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to a traffic collision involving only one vehicle. From what the CHP traffic log stated a white Toyota Tundra pickup truck lost control, rolled over multiples times, and landed on it's wheels. The truck landed about 100 feet off the right shoulder of the freeway and damage the fence line.

Despite life-saving rescue measures, firefighter officials said a person in the pickup was pronounced deceased at the scene. Two other people were reported to be inside the truck sustained moderate to major injuries and were transported to a local hospital, CHP said. One was reported to be transported by Reach Air Medical 13 helicopter from the scene to Arrowhead Medical Center.

The incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Barstow Office. CHP says additional information will be updated as it becomes available. Please check back for updates on this incident.

The identification of person will not be released until the family is notified.

https://paininthepass.info/2022/05/08/mothers-day-morning-rollover-crash-leaves-one-dead-on-southbound-i-15/

Child, several others injured during collision in Hesperia

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A child was ejected and several injured during a two-vehicle collision on Wednesday night on I Avenue in Hesperia.

A two-vehicle collision in Hesperia on Wednesday night resulted in several people, including a child, being transported to a hospital with injuries.

At 8:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Hesperia Sheriff's Station deputies and **San Bernardino County Fire** personnel responded to the report of a two-vehicle collision near the corner of I Avenue and Seaforth Street. The area is located just north of Kingston Elementary School on the Mesa.

A man driving a Chevy Silverado was traveling west on Seaforth Street when he failed to yield at a stop sign and collided with a Ford Expedition traveling south on I Avenue, sheriff's spokeswoman Gloria Huerta told the Daily Press.

The Expedition was occupied by seven people, including a 7-year-old girl who was ejected. They were all transported to a hospital with moderate to major injuries, Huerta said.

The driver of the Silverado was not injured and stayed at the scene to cooperate with investigators, who determined that drugs and alcohol were not a factor in the accident.

Anyone with information about the ongoing investigation is asked by the Sheriff's Department to contact the Hesperia Sheriff's Station at 760-947-1500 or Sheriff's Dispatch at 760-956-5001.

This story is developing and will be updated as more information becomes available.

https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/2022/05/06/child-and-several-others-were-injured-collision-hesperia/9667314002/

Car Fire In The Cajon Pass Jammed Traffic Saturday Night

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CAJON PASS, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> A car caught fire on northbound I-15 Freeway in the Cajon Pass Saturday night, created an orange glow that you could see for miles.

California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were getting calls of a white Toyota Camry sedan on fire about one mile before Cleghorn Road exit at 10:16pm on May 7, 2022.

California Highway Patrol and firefighters were on the scene and had to temporarily shut down the slow lane while they worked on getting the vehicle fire put out. The everybody did escape the vehicle before it became fully engulfed.

No injuries were reported at the scene. It was reported flames were under the vehicle before the vehicle caught fire. The cause of the vehicle fire is unknown at this time.

The family expressed gratitude for the heroic efforts displayed by all emergency personnel.

 $\underline{https://paininthepass.info/2022/05/08/car-fire-in-the-cajon-pass-jammed-traffic-saturday-night/}$

Firefighters rescue driver after crashing down a ravine along Mariposa Road in Hesperia

By Staff Writer, VICTOR VALLEY NEWS GROUP

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — San Bernardino County Firefighters rescued a driver after he crashed down a ravine early Friday morning in Hesperia.

It happened on May 6, 2022, at about 4:11 am, along the 6000 block of Mariposa Road, north of Oak Hill Road, before the California Redwood Gazebos and Patio business. For reasons still unknown, the vehicle left the roadway and was approximately 100 feet down in a wash on the east side of the roadway.

San Bernardino County Firefighters arrived and had to hike down the steep hillside to check on the vehicle and they located the driver. Using a basket, firefighters used their strength to pull the injured driver back up to the roadway. The male shouted out in pain as he was placed onto a gurney and moved into an awaiting ambulance.

The Hesperia Police Department is handling the investigation and anyone with information is asked to call the station at 760-947-1500.

https://www.vvng.com/firefighters-rescue-driver-after-crashing-down-a-ravine-along-mariposa-road-in-hesperia/