

Calif. fires making more pollution than a year of traffic



The Bay Area has been inundated with thick smoke; it reached Lake Tahoe on Oct. 11.
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There's enough wildfire activity in California and Nevada to blanket much of both states with a layer of smoke in the coming days.

In California alone more than 140,000 acres are burning in large, wildland fires throughout the state. A fire in rough terrain near Reno is also contributing to smoke in Northern Nevada.

In just the past two days, fires in California's Wine Country are thought to have produced as much small particulate matter as all the vehicles in the state produce in a year.

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