

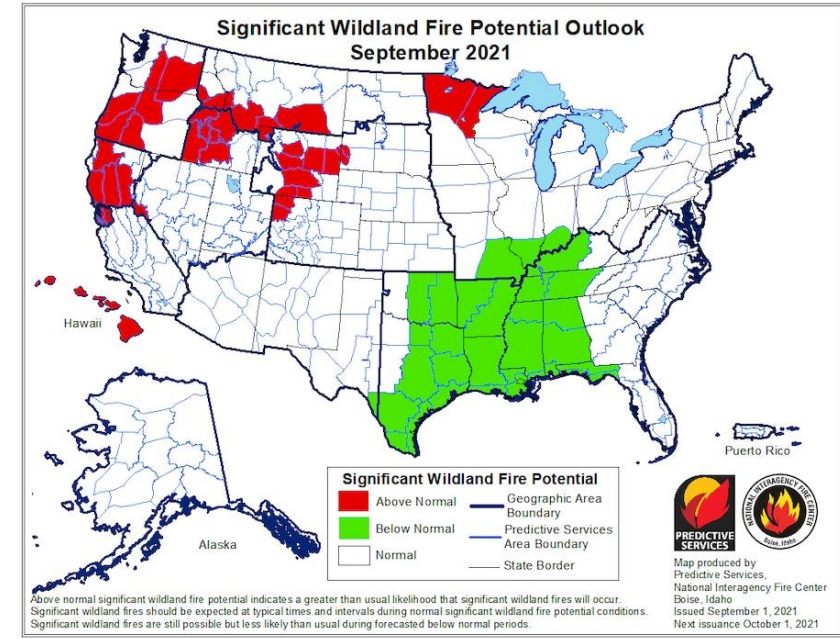


OEM: Weekly SITREP

September 14, 2021

USA & WORLD

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- More than [80 universities](#) are closing Confucius Institutes.
- 900+ pages of [materials](#) related to [US.-funded coronavirus research](#) in China were released following a FOIA lawsuit.
- Howard University [ransomware attack](#) shuts down campus Wi-Fi, and nonessential employees were instructed to stay home.
- [CVXGA1](#): nasal spray vaccine being tested by researchers.
- [Mu variant](#): "might evade the protection from certain antibodies."
- Breakthrough: When the [fully vaccinated](#) get COVID-19 anyway.
- [Immunity](#) is the only way to get through a pandemic.
- Despite 95% vaccination rate, Cornell today [has five times more COVID cases](#) than it did this time last year.
- '[Toxicology Reports](#)' [paper](#) summarizes measures aimed at strengthening the immune system to minimize future pandemics.
- CDC mostly [stopped tracking](#) COVID-19 in the vaccinated.
- Americans will most likely [pay significantly more for COVID medical care](#) during this new wave of cases .
- National Flood Insurance Program [Flood Insurance Manual](#).

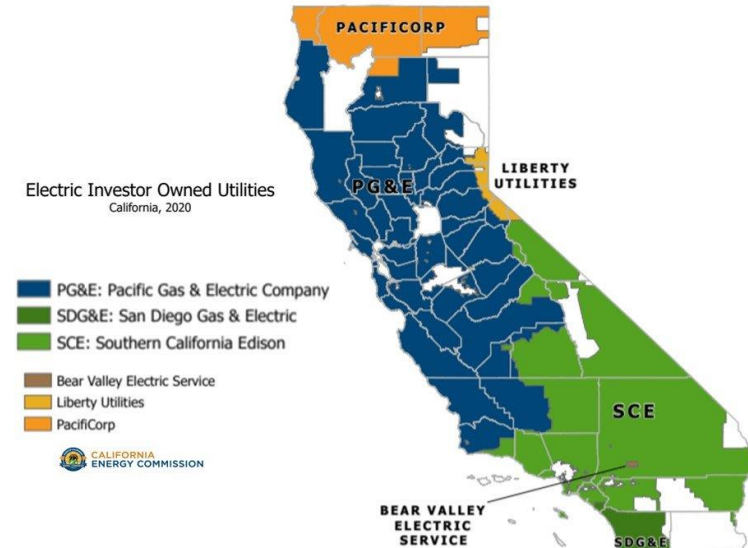


The National Interagency Fire Center [reported](#) **5,073,241 acres have burned nationwide as of Sept. 7 this year — less than the 10-year average to date of 5,883,336 acres.**

Across the West, wildfire activity is starting earlier in the spring and lasting longer into the fall; above normal fire activity periods typically last [75 days longer](#) than 40 years ago

CALIFORNIA

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- Shasta Lake reservoir: drone [footage](#) dangerously low water levels.
- Official [warns](#) wildfire season is 'far from over.'
- Colleges shift to [online instruction](#) in response to the Delta variant.
- [Newsom's](#) closing [message](#): More people will die if I'm recalled.
- As wildfires get worse, [how do we learn to live with fire?](#)
- State funds “[robust statewide call center](#)” for mental health.
- AG [memo](#) reminds state’s medical sector that it’s required to report data breaches and cyber incidents.
- Kaiser [lab system error](#) responsible for thousands of unreported COVID-19 cases – transmission rate much higher than reported.
- [Legislation](#) & pending [lawsuit](#) could make big changes to 108-year-old system of worker compensation.
- Newsom [misled](#) Californians about what the state has done to prevent catastrophic wildfires – failed to protect lives and homes.



Key regulatory decision leaves California reliability issues unresolved, aggravates tensions

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/key-regulatory-decision-leaves-california-reliability-issues-unresolved-ag/605015/>

REGION

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- As fire risks rise, insurance companies [dropping](#) policies.
- Covid testing was supposed to keep schools safe. [What happened?](#)
- UCI professor warns of [solar superstorm](#) that could potentially cause large-scale internet outages covering the entire globe.
- UCR researchers gauge [social responsibility](#) in reducing COVID-19 spread.
- Riverside Congressman proposes [32-hour work week](#).
- UCR [study](#) shows cultural competency will be essential for closing the racial gap in mental health access on college campuses.
- SoCal counties [grow](#) while much of the nation shrinks.
- [UCR professors](#) encourage presenters at public events to acknowledge that they are on Cahuilla, Tongva, Luiseño, and Serrano land.
- September tends to be the [hottest time of the year](#) when temperature records are most likely to be broken in Southern California.

[RivCo EOC](#) is currently activated to Level 3 (virtual) in support of the ongoing COVID-19 response.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **13 September:**
 - X
- **10 September:**
 - **UCOP COVID-19 Digest**
- **09 September:**
 - X
- **08 September:**
 - X
- **07 September:**
 - **VPAR Announcement**

Please Reference Notes Section For More Information

NOTABLE

- [COVID-19 risks from handling the deceased](#)
- [The key role of dynamic talent allocation in shaping the future of work](#)
- [How Facebook Undermines Privacy Protections for Its 2 Billion WhatsApp Users](#)
- [Ransomware gang threatens to leak data if victim contacts FBI, police](#)
- [Risk Considerations for Managed Service Provider Customers](#)
- [FEMA National Exercise Program offers no-cost assistance for exercise design & development](#)
- [How political expression impacts workplace culture](#)
- [Why Uber is bringing medicine to your door](#)
- [A look inside the employee monitoring software market](#)
- [Bosses turn to 'tattleware' to keep tabs on employees working from home](#)
- [New Podcast: Tackling COVID-19 Misinformation with Dr. Tim Caulfield](#)
- [Why neglected tropical diseases should matter to Americans](#)
- [Using trained dogs and organic semi-conducting sensors to identify Covid infections](#)
- [HigherEd can't solve rising cybersecurity problems, but it can manage them](#)
- [The Impact of Community Masking on COVID-19: A Cluster-Randomized Trial in Bangladesh](#)



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Fall Weather Safety



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Fall Weather Hazards

- Drought
- Floods
- Fog
- Hurricanes
- Tsunamis
- Wildfire
- Wind
- Winter Weather



Drought

When water is scarce:

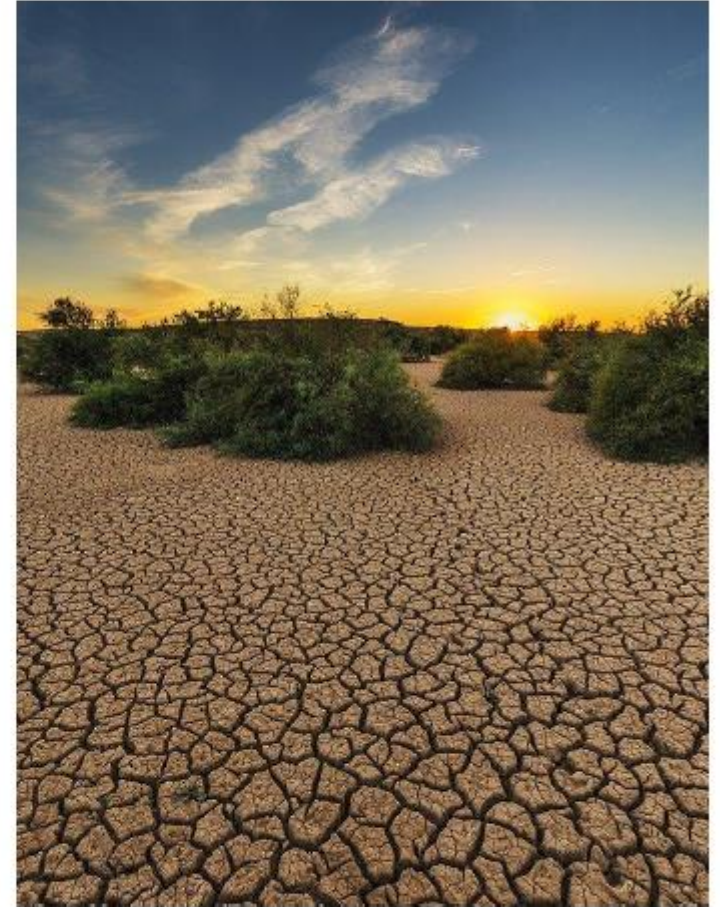
- Water your lawn less frequently, and only in the early morning/late evening
- Mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation
- Fix leaky sprinklers and adjust them so they only water your lawn (not the house or sidewalk)
- Don't wash your car unless absolutely necessary



Drought

When water is scarce:

- Turn off the water while brushing teeth and shaving
- Take shorter showers
- Fix leaky faucets and toilets
- Only wash full loads of laundry
- Use excess clean water for plants
- Install low flow showerheads



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Floods

Before a Flood:

- Learn whether your home, school or place of work is at risk of flooding
- Find alternate routes to important locations
- Make a family communications plan
- Follow evacuation orders
- Keep an eye on the forecast by visiting [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)



Floods

During a Flood:

- Never drive or walk into floodwaters
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately
- Get to higher ground
- Get information from local TV/radio or your mobile phone



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Floods

After a Flood:

- Avoid damaged areas and floodwaters
- Heed road closed and other cautionary signs
- Wait for the “all clear” before entering a flood-damaged structure
- Contact your loved ones via text or social media to keep phone lines clear



NWS Flood Products

FLOOD WATCH

A Flood Watch is issued when **flooding is possible.**

Stay tuned to trusted news sources and be ready to seek higher ground.

Be Prepared.



weather.gov

FLOOD WARNING

A Flood Warning is issued when **flooding is happening or about to happen.**

Move to higher ground immediately!
Never drive or walk through floodwaters.

Take Action!



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Fall Weather Safety Resources

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