

“Green” California Emitting Massive CO2, Wildfires Biggest Environmental Disaster in Years

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Life in the Golden State isn't so golden these days. Between skyrocketing crime rates, a homelessness crisis that would make third-world countries blush, and an exodus of taxpaying citizens that resembles a mass migration, California's Democrat leadership keeps proving that everything liberals touch eventually turns to dust.

Governor Gavin Newsom continues to lecture the rest of America about climate change while forcing electric vehicles down Californians' throats.

It's the same old story – liberal politicians telling hardworking Americans how to live their lives while their own policies crumble faster than San Francisco's downtown district.

Remember when President Trump warned about proper forest management in 2020? The mainstream media mocked him, Democrat politicians sneered, and late-night comedians had a field day.

But as usual, Trump's practical approach proved prescient – and now we have the numbers to prove it.

The Los Angeles Times reported in January 2025 that California's federal lands lost six times more carbon than any other state during the 17-year period from 2005 to 2021.

In 2020 alone, the state's federal lands released more carbon than any other year in the study period due to a record-setting fire season that burned over 4 million acres.

The Green Dream Goes Up in Smoke

While California's environmental regulators were busy implementing restrictive emissions policies, Mother Nature had other plans.

The state that prides itself on leading the climate charge is actually leading the nation in carbon emissions – just not the way they intended.

Recent UCLA research reveals the devastating toll: over \$250 billion in wildfire losses, at least 28 deaths, and more than 16,000 structures destroyed in 2024 alone.

Electric Vehicle Mandate Backfires

In a twist that perfectly illustrates the short-sightedness of Democrat policies, those mandatory electric vehicles that Newsom's administration is forcing on California residents are creating their own environmental crisis.

During wildfires, their lithium-ion batteries release toxic hazardous waste into the air – adding insult to injury for communities already struggling with smoke damage.

Following the Money Trail of Failed Policies

The financial impact extends far beyond the burn zones. According to 2025 research, residents exposed to wildfire smoke face increased credit card debt (averaging \$1,400 per household), rising loan delinquencies, and health problems that keep them from work.

Insurance markets are destabilizing, with premiums skyrocketing and coverage becoming increasingly scarce in fire-prone areas.

Common Sense Solutions Ignored

President Trump's 2020 warnings about forest management weren't just political rhetoric – they were practical solutions based on decades of forestry experience.

While Democrats continued blaming climate change, they ignored basic land management principles that could have prevented this disaster.

The result? California now emits more carbon from wildfires than all its vehicle regulations could ever hope to offset.