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BRUSH FIRE RAGES IN CALIFORNIA

A reckless flip of a cigarette may have been the cause of this 45-hundred acre blaze in foothills north of the suburbs of Altadena, Pasadena and La Canada, California, not far from Los Angeles. Planes and helicopters bombard the fire with borate solution to aid firefighting efforts in record heat. The temperature hovers near 95; what the weather bureau terms "extreme fire hazard condition." Hundreds are driven from their homes, and a sudden shift of the wind could bring new peril. Even as this blaze is fought, another fire erupts in Topanga Canyon near the sea at Santa Monica, quickly roaring out of control across steep hillsides.