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Tinder-box-like conditions in parched Northern California could mean fires there run all the way toward the end of the year, Anthony Scardina, deputy regional forester for the Forest Service, said, according to The Associated Press.



Embers fly from burning trees as the Caldor Fire grows on Mormon Emigrant Trail east of Sly Park, Calif. AP Photo/Ethan Swope, File

In Southern California, fires raging in September could burn until December as well, he said.

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Through Thursday, fires tracked by Cal Fire and the US Forest Service had burned 1,470,637 acres — far surpassing the 920,165 scorched through that date in 2020.



Julie Price points while talking to another evacuee at the Green Valley Community Church evacuation. AP Photo/Ethan Swope

Wildfires burn nearly year-round in the West, Scardina said, whereas fire seasons used to vary by region, according to AP. This creates a difficult situation for firefighters.

“But the problem is all of those seasons are starting to overlap,” Scardina told the AP. “We start to get stretched thin.”



The Way Station Bar burns as the Dixie Fire tears through the Greenville community of Plumas County, Calif. California has already surpassed the acreage burned at this point last year. AP Photo/Noah Berger, File

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