

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2025*

**Statement on the Wildfires Across the Los Angeles, California, Area**

*January 13, 2025*

Our hearts ache for the 24 innocent souls we have lost in the wildfires across Los Angeles. Jill and I pray for them and their loved ones. We are deeply saddened by the devastation caused by the unprecedented ongoing wildfires across Southern California.

I am being frequently briefed on intensive efforts to suppress the wildfires across Los Angeles and have directed our team to respond promptly to any request for additional Federal firefighting assistance. At my direction, hundreds of Federal personnel and unique Federal aerial and ground support has been sent to California to support the firefighting efforts and help communities in need. My administration remains laser-focused on helping survivors, and we will continue to use every tool available to support the urgent firefight as the winds are projected to increase.

To the brave firefighters and first responders working day and night to suppress these fires and save lives: Our Nation is grateful. You represent the best of America, and we are in your debt.

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