Yesterday, in Southern California, fast-moving wildfires fueled by intense winds have forced tens of thousands of people to flee their homes. These fires come on the tail of several other fires that devastated multiple areas within the state.

FEMA has reported that the fires have burned about 72,000 acres combined, destroying more than 150 structures and threatening about 20,000 more.

So far, the Thomas (Ventura County) and Creek (San Fernando/ LA County) fires remain 0% contained. The Rye (LA County) fire is at 5% containment.

Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners and affiliates, including Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, will be responding to address the needs of all those affected by wildfires. Although the extent of the fires’ impact are not yet known, Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to responding to help our neighbors in their path, and has a long history of responding to wildfires in California. Your gifts will help make possible a robust response on the long road to recovery for survivors.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors in California during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those devastated by the fires.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for “U.S. Wildfires” will be used to help those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide both immediate and long-lasting support.

Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.