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FIRE MAP: CALIFORNIA, OREGON AND WASHINGTON

historic | histrionic | this season at least 40 people at least 7,000 structures at least five million acres at least | initially | with more than | over a month | though it is now | __% contained | hysteria: *originally a (supposed) physical disorder of women attributed to displacement or dysfunction of the uterus, characterized particularly by a sensation of fullness in the abdomen and chest, with choking or breathlessness* | research suggests | smoke hazardous | hazard: *a gambling game complicated by a number of arbitrary rules* | air quality index: a measure of how healthy, how clean | unclean: in Leviticus, anyone who touches a woman during her bleeding | what do you call the red leaking out of me | red stains on the map | blooming like the black mold in the corner of my ceiling | the key: red = active burning | brown = land burned since the beginning | of August | my grandmother texts me: *I'm feeling | very sad tonight because | the three states I've lived in and loved | all my life are burning | so much loss of forest | people and animals* | my father prays for his mother's peace | pax americana a tax a pox an ax to tree and tree and tree | hysterectomy | this excision | ordered by officials after a gender reveal ignited four-foot-tall grass east of LA after | a mother lost her unborn child and her one-year-old son trying to outrun the flames after | she stumbled toward the Columbia in the dark | her husband holding her son | her body a season without water | warming