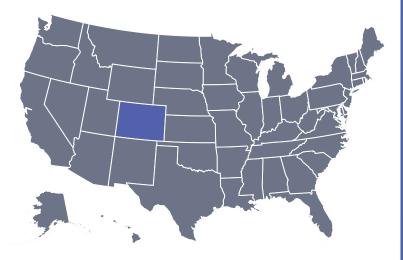
# **COLORADO WILDFIRES**

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# SITUATION

On Dec. 30, the Marshall Fire ignited in Boulder County, Colo. Over 6,200 acres burned quickly, forcing the evacuations of 35,000 people. The fire spread throughout suburban neighborhoods, destroying nearly 1,000 homes. While December wildfires are rare, the severe drought in the western United States created hazardous conditions that allowed the Marshall Fire to spread rapidly. This unusual fire is one of the impacts of a changing climate and will become increasingly more common.





## RESPONSE

The Rocky Mountain Synod is collaborating with pastors and congregations impacted by the fires to develop a coordinated response and mobilize resources for communities. Lutheran Disaster Response, the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains will continue to accompany impacted communities during the years of recovery ahead.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Pray

Let us pray for the people affected by the wildfires in Colorado. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

## Give

Contribute to Lutheran Disaster Response (U.S. Wildfires).

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