



Heatwaves Causing Major Wildfires in Russia

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Russia's [wildfire](#) season, spanning **eight regions** since early March 2024 is expected to bring prolonged periods of **"high" and "extreme" wildfire danger** across most of the country this year, continuing a trend seen in previous years, such as the [heatwaves](#) in Siberia in 2019 and 2022 that led to **devastating wildfires**.

- **Verkhoyansk**, a town in the **Sakha Republic or Yakutia**, known as the **'coldest inhabited place in the world,'** recorded a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius in June 2020, likely the highest ever in the [Arctic Circle region](#).
- Multiple regions in Russia, including the **Jewish Autonomous Region** and Khabarovsk Territory are **currently under a state of emergency due to widespread wildfires**.
- The Russian Hydrometeorological Centre has predicted that much of **Russia will face extended periods of "high" and "extreme" wildfire risk** this year.

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