



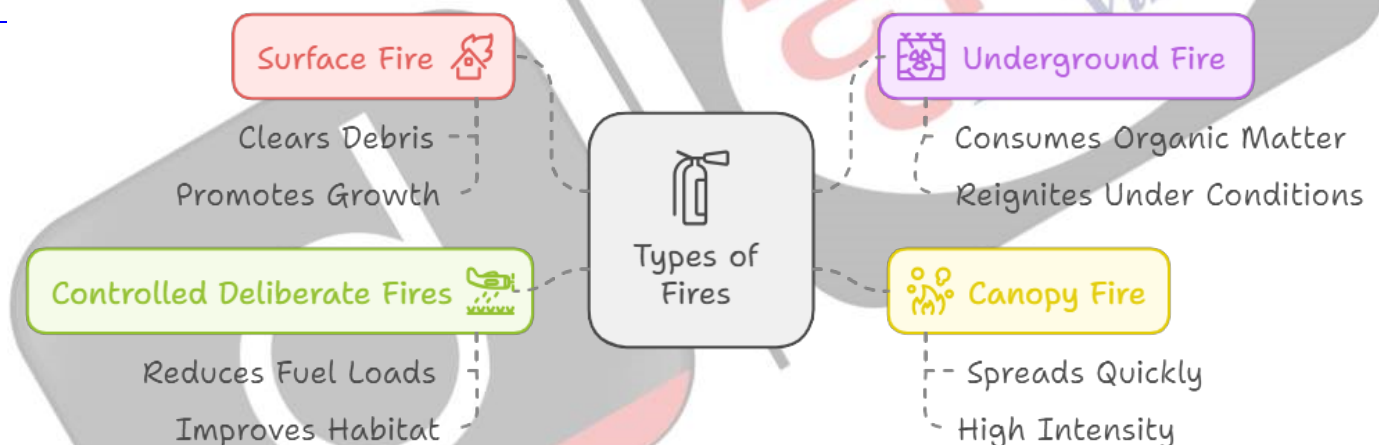
Malibu Wildfire

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Recently, a significant [wildfire](#), known as the **Franklin Fire**, erupted in **Malibu, California**, prompting the evacuation of residents.

- Experts attribute the Franklin Fire's destructiveness to the "**Santa Ana**" winds and **climate change**.
 - **Santa Ana** winds occur when **high pressure over the Great Basin (the area between the Rocky Mountains and Sierra Nevada)** and **low pressure over California's coast** drive strong winds from inland deserts over mountains to the **Pacific Ocean**.
 - The winds usually occur from **October to January**.
- **Wildfire:** A **wildfire** is an **uncontrolled, unplanned fire** in natural areas like forests or grasslands, spreading due to environmental factors like wind and terrain.
- **Types of Wildfire:**

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- **Indian Scenario:**
 - According to the [ISFR 2021](#) by the [Forest Survey of India \(FSI\)](#), **35.47%** of forest cover is classified as fire-prone.
 - The highest number of forest fires reported are in **Mizoram (3,738)**, **Manipur (1,702)**, **Assam (1,652)**, **Meghalaya (1,252)**, and **Maharashtra (1,215)**.
 - **Government Initiatives:**
 - [National Action Plan for Forest Fires \(NAPFF\)](#)
 - [The Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme \(FPM\)](#)

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