

Brazil is burning

It's time to step up for our planet

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As many may know, fires in the Amazon rainforest have been burning for the past month or so in Brazil, and Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, is now calling for a state of emergency within the region.

People on social media are media are not shining a whole lot of light on this issue. You might see posts about it here and there but it is not on the top of everyone's priority list it seems like.

Now, what is the big deal about this fire? The fires are destroying the homes of the 400

indigenous tribes that live in the rainforest, threatening millions of animal species and could possibly be threatening twenty percent of the earth's oxygen supply.

Bolsonaro seems to be like Brazil's Trump. He bashes people on twitter (most recently the French President's wife). The French President offered to help save the Amazon and send lots of money to support and help extinguish the fires but, Bolsonaro took offense to the offer, declined it and bashed the French presidency on twitter and in public.

A couple of scary facts about this record breaking burning is that one and a half soccer fields worth of the Amazon is being burnt every

minute according to INPE, Brazil's National Institute for Space Research.

"Environmental activists and organizations like the World Wildlife Fund warns that if the Amazon reaches a point of no return, the rainforest could become a dry savannah, no longer habitable for much of its wildlife. If this happens, instead of being a source of oxygen, it could start emitting carbon -- the major driver of climate change," Jessie Yeung of CNN said.

We need to do whatever we can to help save the Amazon Rainforest. You can do your part by informing others, protecting an acre of land, challenging corporations and obviously reducing your plastic and paper waste.

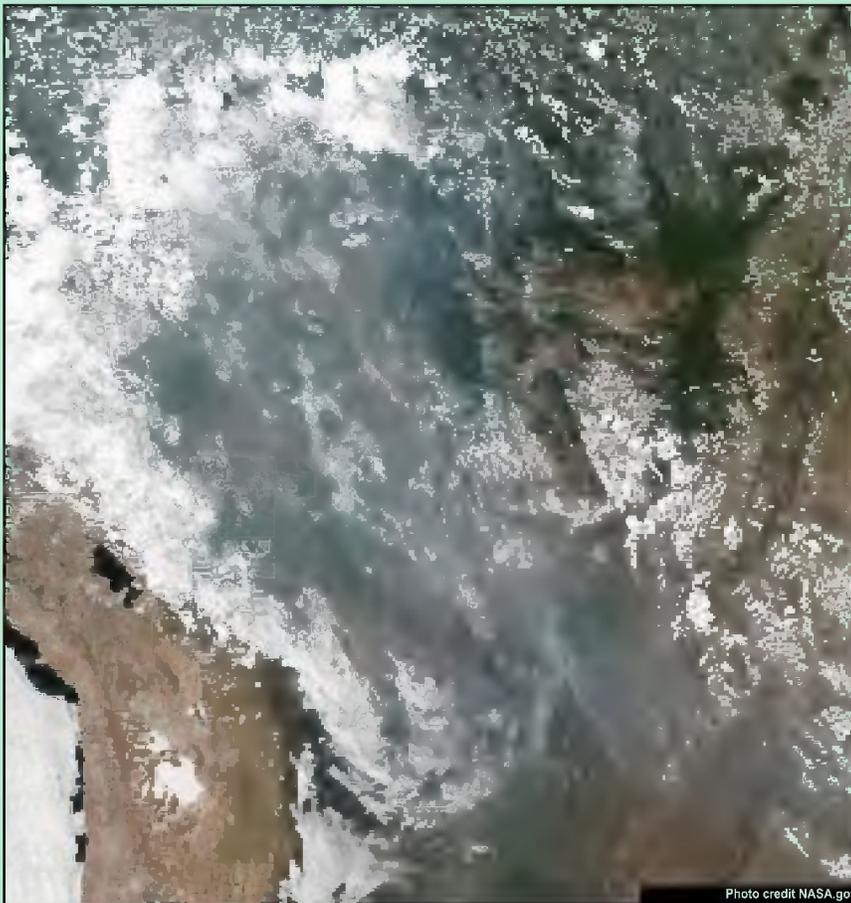


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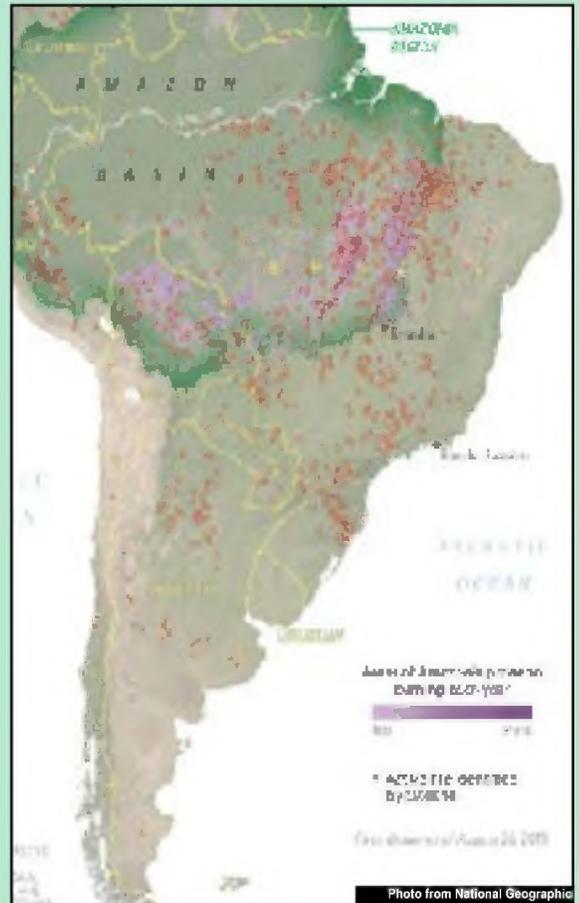


Photo from National Geographic

Photo credit NASA.gov. This natural color image captured by NASA on Aug. 20 shows clouds of smoke across the nation of Brazil.

This graphic shows the state of the fires as of Aug. 26, 2019 based on images taken by NASA and the NOAA. It compares this year's fires with those in years past.