Gap filling: News script

Listen Carefully

Amy:

To those wildfires **(1)** _____ through the west, more than 90 fires raging in the region, spreading a **(2)** _____ amount of dangerous smoke. Matt Gutman joins us from California with more on the air quality alerts right now. Good morning to you, Matt.

Matt Gutman:

Hey, good morning, Amy. Talk about the air quality, these fires have just exploded. This one torching 500 acres in just a short time yesterday afternoon. Twelve structures destroyed. Including this house, which you can see is still **(3)** _____, still putting out all that smoke. I just want to give you a sense of how hot these fires burn, basically hot enough to **(4)** _____ bricks. This is just one of 16 wildfires burning across the state this morning.

a. crumble
b. embers
c. engulfing
d. evacuations
e. freeways
f. hose
g. leaping
h. put them out
i. roaring
j. smoldering
k. tearing
l. triggered
m. vast

Narrator:

Overnight, multiple new fires exploding across California north and south. Just outside of Los Angeles, this brush fire **(5)** _____ fifteen **(6)** _____ in smoke. Flames **(7)** _____ up mountainsides and, in this valley, **(8)** _____ towards homes. Residents seen trying to **(9)** _____ with a trickle of a garden **(10)** _____. Helicopters and air tankers beating the fire back. Twelve structures damaged or destroyed as the fire continued to Char hills. Animals seen huddling as smoke and **(11)** _____ swirled. North of Sacramento, the Bennett fire, prompting **(12)** _____ overnight. Bad as the Dixie fire continues to burn. The burns carved the largest single fire in California history. Now nearly as large as the state of Rhode Island. This morning, there are nearly 100 wildfires burning across the west.

Matt Gutman:

This fire is burning in so many different places, and firefighters just can't reach every hot spot like this. In many of these cases, they're just letting it burn out.

Narrator:

Those flyers are casting a slab of smoke that has **(13)** _____ air quality alerts in six states. Vacationers like Phil Wenty fleeing smoke clogged destinations like Lake Tahoe.

Phil Wenty:

It just looked like Armageddon. It was terrible.

Matt Gutman:

Now millions of people across the west are going to be affected by those air quality alerts. More bad news for those firefighters in California, temperatures set to top 100 degrees across most of the state today. Remember, we are just the very start of fire season here.

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