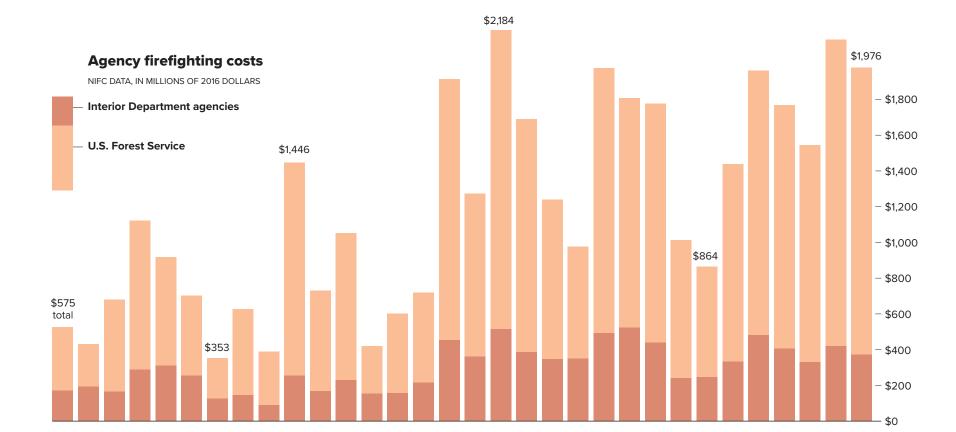


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## **The Price of Suppressing Wildfires**

As the climate continues to set heat records, U.S. wildfires have increased in size, burning a growing number of acres per fire on average. The U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior are responsible for managing wildland fires originating on federal lands. The cost of doing so has more than doubled since the 1990s.

138 In 2016, about half of all wildfire acres burned were on federal lands in western states. 130 0.87 Global annual mean surface air temperature anomaly 0 COMPARED TO BASE PERIOD 1951-1980, IN DEGREES CELSIUS 0.73 0.70° Acres burned per fire AVERAGE 0.67 Q 98 0.62° All wildfires (Federal, state and local lands) IN THOUSANDS 81 80 0.47 70 69 0.44° Ω 0.32° C 35 0.12 16 O 96 '90 '95 ,00 '05 '10 '85 '15





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