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Major wildfire blazes west of Athens; two monasteries evacuated



A large wildfire west of the greater Athens area, near the resort town of Loutraki on the Corinth Gulf, was burning hundreds of acres of pine forest in a remote semi-mountainous region over the past 24 hours. As a precaution, the Holy Monasteries of St. Paraskevi and St. John Makrinos were evacuated, while later on Thursday the flames reached the walls of the former.

