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NJ still dealing with drought



A year after major fires, risks remain

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A year after a series of destructive wildfires burned across New Jersey and New York, fueled by historically dry weather last fall, experts say the threat is lower this year, but the region is still at risk for wildfire, especially if the current drought continues.

Although the nor'easter on Sunday and Monday drenched the area with more than an inch of rain, New Jersey likely needs several regular and prolonged rainstorms to ameliorate the drought conditions across the state, experts said. **See FIRE, Page 4A**

A member of the New Jersey Forest Fire Service uses a leaf blower as a wildfire burns alongside the Palisades Interstate Parkway in Englewood Cliffs in November 2024. JULIAN LESHAY GUADALUPE/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Trump hints \$16B Gateway project was ‘terminated’

Sherrill, Ciattarelli say they would fight for tunnel funding

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President Donald Trump said he “terminated” an unnamed project in New York on Oct. 15 during a news conference.

“The project in Manhattan, the project in New York — it’s billions and billions of dollars that Schumer has worked 20 years to get. It’s terminated,” Trump said, referring to U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, the Senate minority leader.

Previously this month, Trump’s administration paused reimbursements on two large infrastructure projects that touch Manhattan, the Second Avenue Subway and the Gateway tunnel program, which would build a new two-track rail tunnel between New Jersey and New York and then repair the existing, century-old one.

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Sides trading blame as aid remains slow to reach Gaza

No date has been set to reopen Rafah border crossing with Egypt

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CAIRO — Israel said on Oct. 16 that it was preparing for the reopening of Gaza’s Rafah crossing with Egypt to let Palestinians in and out, but set no date as it traded blame with Hamas over violations of a U.S.-mediated ceasefire.

A row over the return of bodies of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza retains the potential to upend the truce along with other major planks of the plan yet to be resolved, including disarmament of militants and Gaza’s future governance.

Government spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian told reporters on Oct. 16 that Israel remained committed to the agreement and continued to uphold its obligations, demanding that Hamas return the bodies of the 19 deceased hostages it had not handed over.

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