

## Selected [Tweets](#) of [Bill McKibben](#) Summer, 2012

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*In his most recent book, [Eaarth](#), Bill McKibben writes about how great it would be if we were still on that lovely old planet we knew so well and took for granted. It was so delicately balanced as to provide both for human civilization and for life in abundance.*

*But, he informs us, as if we were living in science fiction, “we no longer live on that planet.”*

*Huh?*

*On the planet we inhabit today, “disturbances are no longer of the random and freakish kind.... I am aware, of course, that the earth changes constantly, and that occasionally it changes wildly, as when an asteroid strikes or an ice age relaxes its grip. This is one of those rare moments.”*

*McKibben’s Twitter feed, during the heat wave or waves, and other waves (drought, fire, flood, and environmental activism) this summer and spring, provides an extraordinarily illuminating overview. It shows us things we likely missed during this bigger-than-history time.*

*Bill McKibben is the go-to person for [info about climate change](#) and [what to do about it](#). His work draws on wide-ranging knowledge and experience and a deep well of sanity.*

*[Click](#) to link to his actual Twitter feed.*

Apr 10 It did seem to me March was a mite warm: **15k new temp records, 25 states have it as hottest ever**

<http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2012/04/10/461167/march-came-in-like-a-lamb-went-out-like-a-globally-warmed-lion-on-steroids-who-smashed-15000-heat-records/>

Apr 13 **fire season coming early to the west**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/parched-western-states-rush-to-prepare-for-a-dangerous-fire-season-thats-already-under-way/2012/04/12/gIQAtt6NDT\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/parched-western-states-rush-to-prepare-for-a-dangerous-fire-season-thats-already-under-way/2012/04/12/gIQAtt6NDT_story.html) & connect the dots  
<http://www.climatedots.org/>

Apr 13 **record sea temps in gulf of mexico**, heightening storm risk for tomw

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Apr 13 check out the pictures of texas' **4-foot hail drifts**

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2012/04/13/150553921/holy-hail-photos-videos-show-texas-storms-fury-drifts-4-feet-deep>

Apr 15 horrible tornado outbreak last night--jeff masters showing photos of **double tornadoes across KS**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Apr 16 in 2011 the networks spent 2x the time discussing Donald Trump as climate change. Both hot air, but still...

<http://mediamatters.org/research/201204160010>

Apr 18 **Canadian govt essentially ends indep. env. review for pipeline projects--this is what a petrostate looks like**

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/ottawa-elbows-regulators-in-quest-for-final-word-on-pipeline-approvals/article2405411/>

Apr 19 Beneficiary of climate change: global study shows jellyfish #s soaring

<http://www.canada.com/technology/Jellyfish+population+rise+perhaps+global+warming+pollution/6481235/story.html>

Apr 19 GOP members don't bother attending senate hearing on surging sea levels

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/04/19/1084631/-Rising-Sea-Levels-Should-We-Do-Something-or-Not-A-Live-Blog?detail=hide>

Apr 20 **Mexico, beset by drought, tackles climate change, commits to 1/3**

**renewables by 2024** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-17777327>

Apr 21 Best earthday vid: Watch bold nebraskans standing up to keystone--and great footage of Randy the Rancher at the end!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrykR6bu\\_EU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrykR6bu_EU&feature=youtu.be)

Apr 23 What did Enbridge do when their pipeline sprung a leak? pump harder <http://motherjones.com/environment/2012/04/john-bolenbaugh-enbridge-michigan-spill>

Apr 24 this time the heat's out west--**new all time april high temp record for the u.s.** <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Apr 25 Obama--those who have looked closely at climate science are 'scared.' indeed! <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/04/25/470940/obama-stunner-climate-change-will-be-a-campaign-issue-we-need-to-do-much-more-to-combat-it/>

Apr 26 **Nearly every weather station in intermountain west nears or sets new all-time april temp records** <http://www.climatecentral.org/blogs/as-east-digs-out-west-copes-with-heat-wave/>

Apr 26 **Texas' turn to broil: 7 new all-time April records, including a 111 reading.** In April. Did I mention this was in April?  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Apr 26 **9 dead in flooding in Haiti. Not a hurricane, just 'drenching rains.'** 1000s evacuated in the DR  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the\\_americas/heavy-rain-causes-up-to-9-deaths-in-haiti-forces-evacuations-of-11000-in-dominican-republic/2012/04/25/gIQAOCunhT\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/heavy-rain-causes-up-to-9-deaths-in-haiti-forces-evacuations-of-11000-in-dominican-republic/2012/04/25/gIQAOCunhT_story.html)

Apr 26 Fascinating and unexpected new study indicates the weird weather is only getting started. [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/27/world/study-hints-at-greater-threat-of-extreme-weather.html?\\_r=1&hpw](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/27/world/study-hints-at-greater-threat-of-extreme-weather.html?_r=1&hpw)

Apr 30 **Warming temps produce an extra annual generation of pine bark beetles**--that's bad news for western forests  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/665007>

May 30 63% of Americans say fight global warming regardless what other countries do. that's called maturity  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/04/30/473484/public-opinion-the-death-of-public-support-for-global-warming-action-is-greatly-exaggerated/>

May 1 **Poland, Austria, Germany, Belarus all set new all-time April heat records** <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html> & goes to 84 in Moscow, another record

May 2 **Britain's wettest April ever--and amidst the flooding, much of the country still in drought**  
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h1803oQE1Tm3GbQS oJI-1JOCV48A>

May 3 Since the media won't spread the word about climate change, we'll have to [http://www.tomdispatch.com/post/175537/tomgram %3A\\_bill\\_mckibben%2C\\_the\\_most\\_important\\_story\\_of\\_our\\_lives/](http://www.tomdispatch.com/post/175537/tomgram %3A_bill_mckibben%2C_the_most_important_story_of_our_lives/)

May 4 The pictures flooding in to <http://350.org> from around the world are truly inspiring! Iran, Lebanon, you name it #connectthedots

May 4 This just in: **Vermont state legislature votes to ban fracking in the Green Mountain State!**

May 4 Heartland Inst is really pretty far out there--today they're insisting only serial killers believe in climate change  
<http://www.350.org/en/about/blogs/open-letter-heartland-institute-bill-mckibben>

May 4 Completely gorgeous underwater demo in the Marshall Islands--'your carbon kills our coral.' <http://www.350.org/en/about/blogs/your-carbon-kills-our-coral-underwater-demonstration-marshall-islands> & #connectthedots

May 5 13 arrested blocking Warren Buffet's coal trains, including leading Canadian climate scientist. All peaceful  
<http://www.350.org/en/about/blogs/breaking-news-arrests>

May 8 **Warmest January-April on record in U.S.; also warmest 12 month span.** Connect the dots, pls.  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=2089>

May 9 Beautiful and civilized **Canada--ever more a rogue state on climate**  
<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/05/08/report-upbraids-canadian-government-on-emissions/>

May 10 Jim Hansen on the tarsands--that's an awful lot of carbon!  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/10/opinion/game-over-for-the-climate.html?hp&gwh=08F5236642C55F882E0FBA6E6D96BF4C>

May 11 Why Saudis investing heavily in solar? 'We know that pumping oil out of the ground does not create many jobs.'  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/05/11/482660/saudi-arabia-unveils-100-billion-plan-to-make-solar-a-driver-for-domestic-energy-for-years-to-come/>

May 12 **Dirtiest Congress Evah** <http://priceofoil.org/2012/05/09/dirty-energy-money-pouring-into-congress-faster-than-ever-before/>

May 15 Texas doing better, but **drought area in the U.S. double this time last year** <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/a-visual-tour-of-drought-in-the-us/>

May 15 **Global warming = more, worse forest fires.** Scientist: 'we can't be more more direct and explicit than that!' <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/a-visual-tour-of-drought-in-the-us/>

May 16 **Vermont's green governor officially signs the nation's first fracking ban today!** @GovPeterShumlin

May 16 **Ocean flooding now "monthly occurrence" in Norfolk Va.**  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/05/16/483019/when-global-warming-hits-home-literally/>

May 17 **Extreme rain has doubled in the Midwest.** These gullywashers do no one any good <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-rt-climate-rainmidwestl1e8gglzd-20120516,0,271408.story>

May 18 **April 5th warmest in earth's history, northern hemisphere sets record**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

May 22 In drought-wracked Niger, students missing school because they must search for water instead. sad, powerful story

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/22/world/africa/niger-children-miss-school-to-search-for-water.html?](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/22/world/africa/niger-children-miss-school-to-search-for-water.html?_r=1&src=rechp&gwh=4632CC7522D61F7947C17F6CE4F696AD)

[\\_r=1&src=rechp&gwh=4632CC7522D61F7947C17F6CE4F696AD](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/22/world/africa/niger-children-miss-school-to-search-for-water.html?_r=1&src=rechp&gwh=4632CC7522D61F7947C17F6CE4F696AD)

May 22 That's odd, methane found in 2 wells in Pennsylvania. Don't light up near the faucet! <http://www.vindy.com/news/2012/may/22/methane-reported-2-northern-pa-water-wells/>

May 22 Irony alert: Keystone XL will actually...raise gas prices for Americans [http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/aswift/new\\_report\\_keystone\\_xl\\_will\\_in.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/aswift/new_report_keystone_xl_will_in.html)

May 23 Mexico: future drought map looks like it's 'covered in dried blood.' Aridity will be 'severe and permanent' <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=107876>

May 23 Fossil fuel subsidies globally: a trillion-with-a-t dollars a year <http://grist.org/article/looking-for-1-trillion/>

May 24 spring temperature records continue falling [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/the-warmest-spring-on-record-in-dc--again/2012/05/24/gJQATW7TnU\\_blog.html?hpid=z3](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/the-warmest-spring-on-record-in-dc--again/2012/05/24/gJQATW7TnU_blog.html?hpid=z3)

May 25 House GOP tells military not to go green--sometimes one really wonders just how low...

<http://news.sciencemag.org/sciencenow/2012/05/militarys-plan-to-buy-biofuels-h.html?rss=1>

May 25 Bud becomes the earliest Cat 3 Pacific hurricane in history <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

May 26 Beryl a tropical storm, first time in 108 years we've had two storms this early in season

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

May 28 **Indiana setting all-time May temp records, Chicago hottest ever mark for this early in the year**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

May 28 **Beryl: strongest landfalling May cyclone in 104 years**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

May 29 **Germany--a northern industrial power--met half its electric needs Saturday from solar power, a world first**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/may/28/solar-power-world-record-germany>

May 29 **Nasty ongoing Indian drought**

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/Global-warming-Dozens-of-streams-going-dry-in-Kullu/articleshow/13619952.cms>

May 30 **Largest wildfire in New Mexico history. And we're in May**

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wildfires/story/2012-05-30/new-mexico-wildfire/55285074/1>

May 31 **It's been at least 800,000 years since the planet's co2 level touched 400 ppm, probably far longer** [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/when-hitting-400-is-not-good-levels-of-key-greenhouse-gas-pass-milestone-trouble-scientists/2012/05/31/gJQAVvwP3U\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/when-hitting-400-is-not-good-levels-of-key-greenhouse-gas-pass-milestone-trouble-scientists/2012/05/31/gJQAVvwP3U_story.html)

May 31 **Greenland yesterday set it's all-time May temp record. 76.6F, which is, oh, 44.6F above the melting point of ice**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

May 31 North Carolina figures out how to stop sea level rise: ban talking about it! Paging King Canute

[http://tpmmuckraker.talkingpointsmemo.com/2012/05/north\\_carolina\\_sea\\_level\\_global\\_warming.php?ref=fpa](http://tpmmuckraker.talkingpointsmemo.com/2012/05/north_carolina_sea_level_global_warming.php?ref=fpa)

May 31 won't have to worry about oil spills in oglalla aquifer once it runs dry  
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2012/0530/Southern-Great-Plains-could-run-out-of-groundwater-in-30-years-study-finds>

June 1 **New Mexico has a really really big fire--humidity levels as low as 2%**  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/massive-nm-blaze-spreading-in-all-directions-as-fears-grow-of-more-western-wildfires-to-come/2012/05/31/gJQAH50I5U\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/massive-nm-blaze-spreading-in-all-directions-as-fears-grow-of-more-western-wildfires-to-come/2012/05/31/gJQAH50I5U_story.html)

June 1 If what you want is jobs (by the tens of millions) then what you want is a green economy  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/may/31/switching-green-economy-jobs-un>

June 1 Remarkable slideshow of the out-of-control southwestern fires  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/gallery/2012/jun/01/wildfires-ravage-south-west-in-pictures#/?picture=391038677&index=5>

June 1 **Wildfire researcher: when i started, fires lasted 3 or 4 days. now a month is not uncommon** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jun/01/new-mexico-wildfires-devastating-megafires>

June 4 **Africa can expect more drought as climate warms.** Which is both sad and incredibly unfair. [http://www.nsf.gov/news/news\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=124194&WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_51&WT.mc\\_ev=click](http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=124194&WT.mc_id=USNSF_51&WT.mc_ev=click)

June 4 **The cedars of Lebanon built Solomon's temple, and now global warming may wipe them out** <http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Local-News/2012/Jun-04/175593-a-symbol-of-the-nation-lebanons-cedar-heavily-threatened.ashx#axzz1wnNuWksU>

June 5 **If you don't know the weatherunderground community, you should** <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=2113> & @wunderground

June 5 Tropical diseases spreading in U.S.--I've had dengue, and trust me on

this, you really don't want it

<http://www.eenews.net/public/climatewire/2012/06/04/1>

June 6 new report: Latin Am. facing \$100b pricetag for climate change (which is not their fault) <http://phys.org/news/2012-06-climate-latam-bn.html>

June 7 hottest **rainfall ever recorded on our planet--109 degrees.**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=2114>

June 8 **Hot US spring was largest departure from average on record.**

**'stunning and unparalleled event in meteorological history'**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 8 **record warm 12-month period for US.** w/out global warming, odds are we wouldn't see one like it again till 46,298 AD

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 9 After tarsands spill, **Albertans in 2 counties warned not to drink or 'touch' the water** <http://soc.li/q1EFdvJ>

June 10 Amazing account from the London papers of reality in the tarsands.

'futuristic version of hell.' <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/moslive/article-2155344/Oil-firms-controversial-exploitation-Canadas-wilderness-locals-say-dying-pollution.html>

June 10 **NM wildfires grow; new blazes scorching Colorado.** ugh.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/moslive/article-2155344/Oil-firms-controversial-exploitation-Canadas-wilderness-locals-say-dying-pollution.html>

June 11 **Flooding across Fla (13" rain in Pensacola)**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html> & Meanwhile, 100s evacuated as western fires grow [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201\\_162-57450085/hundreds-evacuated-as-colo-n.m-wildfires-grow/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57450085/hundreds-evacuated-as-colo-n.m-wildfires-grow/)

June 11 Michigan's devastating tarsands oil spill was far far larger than the

company admitted <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20120611/Enbridge-oil-spill-michigan-Kalamazoo-tar-sands-epa-ntsb-6b>

June 11 **New study of ocean heat shows it's manmade**. Scientist: "We did it. No matter how you look at it, we did it. That's it,"

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-06-11/research-taps-into-ocean-temperatures/4063886?section=tas>

June 11 57% of Chinese say protecting the environment should be top priority, ahead of economic growth

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/06/11/497718/gallup-poll-57-percent-of-chinese-believe-environmental-protection-should-be-their-countrys-top-priority/>

June 12 Those huge fires in Colo, NM? A leading indicator for the whole west, and the whole planet <http://blogs.kqed.org/climatewatch/2012/06/12/new-study-projects-more-frequent-fires-for-the-western-u-s/>

June 12 Steadfast Quakers take a nonviolent stand against PNC bank and coal--and a judge commends them! <http://greenpnc.org/blog/eqaters-vint-deming-and-gail-newbold-foung-guilty-defiant-tresspass>

June 12 **How's Mitt going to cut firefighting jobs when the forests blaze up earlier every year?** @kate\_sheppard

<http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2012/06/colorado-wildfire-future-norm>

June 12 If I'm reading the #s correctly, **Arctic sea ice has plunged to record low levels for the date in last two weeks**

[http://nsidc.org/data/seaice\\_index/images/daily\\_images/N\\_stddev\\_timeseries.png](http://nsidc.org/data/seaice_index/images/daily_images/N_stddev_timeseries.png)

June 13 Colo declares disaster, fire now third-largest in state's history <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-colorado-new-mexico-wildfires-death-20120612,0,7898317.story>

June 13 That Colo fire? It's burning in stands where 70% of pines are dead, thanks to pine bark beetle, thx to climate change  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 13 **Colorado--facing second 300-year drought in ten years?**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 13 72% of independents believe in global warming--why are pols so scared to say the word?  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/06/13/498892/public-understanding-of-climate-science-rebounds-72-of-independents-say-there-is-solid-evidence-of-global-warming/>

June 13 **take a look at this picture of the colorado wildfire**  
<http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/06/12/high-park-wildfires-whip-through-colorado/aptopix-colorado-wildfires/>

June 14 Insurance industry: we're facing a 'tragically historic' fire season across the west  
<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2012/06/13/251491.htm>

June 14 **US 105th on this year's happy planet index.** (But at least #1, costa rica, is not too far away) <http://www.happyplanetindex.org/assets/happy-planet-index-report.pdf> & #HappyPlanetIndex

June 14 **Hottest May ever recorded in Northern Hemisphere**  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/06/14/499800/noaa-second-hottest-may-on-record-globally-hottest-for-northern-hemisphere/>

June 15 Ocean acid wrecking west coast fishing ports--I guess we should turn them into coal ports instead  
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2012/0614/Global-warming-s-evil-twin-threatens-West-Coast-fishing-grounds>

June 15 **Amazing Economist piece on melting Arctic: 'the world would be mad to ignore it.'** <http://www.economist.com/node/21556921>

June 15 odds that 327 months of straight above-average temps are just chance: 2x10 to the 98th. or, 'not good'

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/06/15/1100229/-2-73406341-10-to-the-98th-power> & @RL\_Miller

June 16 Colorado fire may 'burn all summer.'

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-colorado-fires-20120615,0,4662382.story>

June 16 just went past the million mark of people against fossil fuel subsidies. prepare for monday's twitterstorm! <http://endfossilfuelsubsidies.org/>

June 16 Wow. Major Dallas hailstorm last week did \$2 billion in damage? One of costliest storms ever, more all the time

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/06/15/usa-texas-storms-insurance-idINL1E8HF6IJ20120615>

June 16 Arctic sea ice in sick decline <http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2012/06/arctic-sea-ice-falls-below-ominous-milestone>

June 17 CO wildfire now the most destructive in the state's history. will 'take snow' to extinguish it. <http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-colorado-wildfires-ranks-as-most-destructive-in-state-history-20120617,0,5268678.story>

June 17 Marching 800 strong to Ohio state house--amazing sight  
#dontfrackOH

June 17 A great day of activism around the globe--but also news that sea ice is at record low for date. The race is really on!

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/06/17/501030/death-spiral-watch-arctic-sea-ice-takes-a-nosedive/>

June 18 Firestorm rages in Colorado--could we have a twitterstorm to start putting it out? #endfossilfuelsubsidies

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/18/us-usa-wildfires->

idUSBRE85H02H20120618

June 18 Jamie Henn @Agent350 Amazing! #EndFossilFuelSubsidies trended globally at #2 this morning, now #3 trend in USA: <http://ow.ly/i/HJ6m>  
Retweeted by Bill McKibben

June 18 Twitterstorm blowing gale force, pls join in by tweeting #EndFossilFuelSubsidies

June 19 With Jane Goodall in Turkey--where she's joining the twitterstorm by proxy from #HalkiSummit #endfossilfuelsubsidies

June 19 Coverage of some of the best tweets here, prize goes to @mayboeve <http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/analysis/2185147/-endfossilfuelsubsidies-twitterstorm> & #endfossilfuelsubsidies

June 19 RLMiller @RL\_Miller Been awake 16 hours, during which #endfossilfuelsubsidies was atop trending list whole time. Congrats @350 @billmckibben, and good night. Retweeted by Bill McKibben

June 19 Amazing athletes joining #endfossilfuelsubsidies--Olympic bicycle racers, World Cup skiers, even race car driver @LeilaniMunter

June 19 chaitanyakumar @chaitanyakumar Why would you make all the kids in the class give part of their lunch to the richest kid in the class ever? #endfossilfuelsubsidies #rio20 Retweeted by Bill McKibben

June 19 astonishing images of western wildfires  
<http://blogs.pjstar.com/eye/2012/06/18/wildfires-scorch-the-western-u-s/>

June 19 Um, thorny new legal question for the fracking age. Can you be sued for causing an earthquake?  
<http://www.eenews.net/public/energywire/2012/06/18/1> & #nolongeranactofGod

June 19 Amazing climate speech by @johnkerry on senate floor. it takes an

hour--and well worth it [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI\\_V-3KJtJM&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI_V-3KJtJM&feature=youtu.be)

June 19 Alberta: **yet another tarsands pipeline spill**

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/alberta-hit-by-new-oil-spill-on-enbridge-pipeline/article4352760/>

June 20 **Record breaking eastern heat as summer officially starts**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/possible-record-breaking-high-90s-heat-for-northeast-with-1st-day-of-summer/2012/06/20/gJQAhA7XpV\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/possible-record-breaking-high-90s-heat-for-northeast-with-1st-day-of-summer/2012/06/20/gJQAhA7XpV_story.html)

June 20 **insane flooding in duluth after 8" of rain. the seal from the zoo swims down main street.** <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47889559/ns/weather/#.TKDMitYvDM>

June 20 big win for activists who opposed megaloads headed for the tarsands! [http://missoulia.com/news/local/imperial-oil-exxon-withdraws-megaload-permit-application/article\\_5ff0af34-bafb-11e1-b2d5-001a4bcf887a.html](http://missoulia.com/news/local/imperial-oil-exxon-withdraws-megaload-permit-application/article_5ff0af34-bafb-11e1-b2d5-001a4bcf887a.html)

June 21 Toronto: 'extreme heat alert,' record-breaking temps. way hotter than rio <http://www.680news.com/news/local/article/374144--extreme-heat-alert-issued-for-toronto-breaks-record>

June 21 Rio+20 text: 'support' appears 99 times and 'encourage' 50, but 'we will' shows up just 5. these 'leaders' toy with us. <http://www.wwf.org.za/?6240/rioneg>

June 21 **Every state in lower 48 except ND forecast to have 90 degree heat this week.** Records toppling everywhere

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/heat-creeps-over-northeast-on-1st-day-of-summer-temperature-records-broken/2012/06/20/gJQAoC3KrV\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/heat-creeps-over-northeast-on-1st-day-of-summer-temperature-records-broken/2012/06/20/gJQAoC3KrV_story.html)

June 21 WSJ: 3 large Canadian oil spills in 30 days raising 'increased concern over pipeline safety.' you think?

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304441404577478610992607188.html>

June 21 **Greenpeace announces Arctic campaign**--this will probably be the best thing to come out of Rio [@jossgarman](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/arctic)

June 21 one thing that's definitely working at rio+20: the air-conditioning. if it were this cold in the arctic, we wouldn't see record ice melt

June 21 **CO wildfire passes 100 sq miles**  
<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/06/21/us-usa-wildfires-idINBRE85I1IP20120621>

June 21 Clayton ThomasMuller Clayton ThomasMuller @ClaytonIEN Kari-oca 2 Indigenous Peoples March stopped by Military even with assurances by UN they would be allowed to pass #indigenous #rio=20 Retweeted by Bill McKibben

June 21 We (mostly youth) been sitting in for an hour at the UN rio meeting. Security threatening to kick us out. Good energy! #riofail

June 21 Basic reason for sit-in: after 20 years it's pretty clear this whole process a sham #riofail

June 21 People debating leaving as a group and turning in our badges #riofail

June 21 Group leaving in 35 minutes, emissaries trying to persuade NGO and green group leaders to join #riofail

June 21 Interesting moment for civil society-- has this process gotten so broken that we actually have to say so?

June 21 I've listened to endless green leaders say youth should lead, well see in a little while who follows #riofail

June 21 Walkout beginning. Proud to be part of 350, a youth-led movement  
#riofail

June 21 Having walked out, we had no Internet for a while. But it was a pretty great moment. #riofail

June 21 walkout was media spectacle--130 participants and that many cameras. Mainly because nothing else is going on, which is the point! #riofail

June 21 A short (but longer than 140 characters) account of today's youth-led walkout from Rio <http://grist.org/politics/lame-it-on-rio-youth-stage-earth-summit-walkout/> & #riofail

June 21 Chris is most northerly June hurricane since 1893, no threat to land--but watch out for Debby if she forms in the Gulf  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 21 **Duluth crushes its old one-day rainfall record by more than 25%**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 22 Oyster growers shifting sites as ocean acidification wipes out larvae  
[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2018496037\\_oysters22m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2018496037_oysters22m.html)

June 22 Surf temp off Cape May yesterday: 78.6. "I've been watching water temps 30 years and I've never seen that."  
[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2018496037\\_oysters22m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2018496037_oysters22m.html)

June 23 **Drought-stricken WY wants fed disaster assistance**  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/23/us-usa-drought-wyoming-idUSBRE85M01S20120623> & Ironic, since same gov eager to mine more coal  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9740973501554afabf365969afa2066f/WY--Mead-China>

June 23 **8000 evacuated from Utah wildfire**, which also threatens an explosives factory (and was sparked by gunfire). Movie-ish.  
<http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2012/6/23/reutersworld/20120623173518&sec=reutersworld>

June 23 California facing 5 ft sea level rise this century--but since no one lives near the coast, should be okay  
[http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci\\_20917927/california-faces-more-serious-risk-sea-level-rise](http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci_20917927/california-faces-more-serious-risk-sea-level-rise)

June 23 Matt Leonard @losinghand #KeystoneXL southern leg permitted as soon as Monday? Be ready for grassroots #directaction to stop it! #noKXL  
<http://lat.ms/MppYUV> Retweeted by Bill McKibben

June 23 Debby seems likely to form today, will be the earliest 4th named storm ever--in fact, it's never happened before July  
<http://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/east-and-gulf-coast-tropical-c/66806>

June 23 Check out the Commons Law Project, an interesting new take on how we might take back our planet from the corporations  
<http://www.commonslawproject.org/>

June 23 must-see vimeo: josh fox's new 18-min video w/hot new reporting on fracking well failure rates. <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/new-anti-fracking-film-by-gaslands-josh-fox-targets-cuomo-governor-what-color-will-the-sky-be-over-new-york-20120620#ixzz1yeJa7m2A> & @gaslandmovie

June 23 **2 straight days of record heat in Denver**, headed for an alltime hottest June? [http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci\\_20924409/denver-103-degrees-temperature-record](http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_20924409/denver-103-degrees-temperature-record) & @RL\_Miller

June 23 hometown report: **vermont weather has been completely freaky in 2012** too <http://blogs.burlingtonfreepress.com/weather/2012/06/23/so-far-2012-another-extreme-year-in-vermont/>?

utm\_source=dlvr.it&utm\_medium=twitter

June 23 **On CO's hottest day, fires erupting around state**

[http://www.reporterherald.com/news/high-park-fire/ci\\_20926612/8-wildfires-burn-colorado-hottest-day-year](http://www.reporterherald.com/news/high-park-fire/ci_20926612/8-wildfires-burn-colorado-hottest-day-year)

June 23 we've been cataloguing tropical storms since 1851, and this is the first year we got to #4 before july

[http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics\\_at4+shtml/205251.shtml?5-daynl](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at4+shtml/205251.shtml?5-daynl)

June 24 'In 10-100 yrs we'll find out most of our groundwater is polluted.' Injection wells remind us there's no 'away'

<http://www.propublica.org/article/injection-wells-the-poison-beneath-us>

June 24 **wildfires ripping through the rockies, earliest "D" storm in history, record temps in CO--just another day in the early global warming era**

June 24 **England gets 'a month's rain in a day'** with epic flooding resulting

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/jun/24/flooding-northern-england-river-calder>

June 24 **shockingly high rate of sea level rise along the east coast** (despite best efforts of NC legislators)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/jun/24/us-east-coast-sea-level-rise>

June 24 CO tourist: 'it honestly looked like hell was opening up.'

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/24/wildfires-burn-across-colorado-while-new-ones-grow-rapidly/>

June 24 Smoke obscuring summit Pikes Peak (where the lyrics to America the Beautiful were written) <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/24/wildfires-burn-across-colorado-while-new-ones-grow-rapidly/>

June 25 **Year after historic floods, Midwest locked in drought**, crop prices rising

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304441404577480730573131906.html?mod=ITP\\_pageone\\_1](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304441404577480730573131906.html?mod=ITP_pageone_1) & 'don't remember it this dry this early'

June 25 Breaking: Fed govt so rich it can give away \$30bn to its friends at big coal. Uncle Sam is a nice uncle! <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/study-almost-30-billion-in-revenues-lost-to-taxpayers-by-giveaway-of-federally-owned-coal-in-powder-river-basin-2012-06-25>

June 25 Duluth's inundation last week: twice the 100-year-storm. 'no way to plan for it,' though credit them for trying  
<http://www.startribune.com/local/160198125.html>

June 25 SCOTUS: no 2nd thoughts on Citizens United, America really does belong to corporations, Montana should just grow up and recognize that

June 25 **Greenland ice sheet reflectivity at record low**--i.e., it's absorbing the sun, i.e., move inland. HT @climate\_ice <http://www.meltfactor.org/blog/?p=476>

June 25 **CO hits 114, highest temp ever recorded in state**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 25 Plans for blockades on the southern section of KXL. Cash against bodies, corp power against human spirit  
<http://itsgettinghotinhere.org/2012/06/25/tar-sands-blockade-calls-for-non-violent-direct-action-in-texas-to-stop-the-keystone-xl-pipeline/>

June 26 **Rocky Mtn forests disappearing--'they did not evolve with this kind of fire'** <http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/06/25/goodbye-to-mountain-forests/>

June 26 **Denver's never been hotter than yesterday; today will tie record for straight days above 100, CO's worst heat ever**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 26 if anyone ever tells you they want to put a tarsands pipeline in your neighborhood READ THIS FIRST

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20120626/dilbit-diluted-bitumen-enbridge-kalamazoo-river-marshall-michigan-oil-spill-6b-pipeline-epa>

June 26 350 dot org @350 Big news in Texas - Activists move towards a tar sands pipeline blockade: <http://bit.ly/L04xym> #noKXL #350ppm Retweeted by Bill McKibben

June 26 Western fires rage anew

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/26/us-usa-wildfires-idUSBRE85L1DD20120626> & Meanwhile, Obama oks permits for Keystone South. Irony seems too weak a word #nokxl

June 26 **113 in Nebraska this afternoon, 112 in Kansas.**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 26 Off We Go, into the Smoky Gray Yonder: Air Force Academy starts wildfire evacuations

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALEqM5hVRHpaTYHjShe1x5sWctY5ZD-DRw?docId=7f3323826c304af8b57a4d07bc6748f3>

June 26 Natl Weather Service: Mid-Atlantic will 'bake, sizzle, and fry' in next few days [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/record-setting-heat-waves-roasts-rockies-denver-plains-heading-east/2012/06/26/gJQAeedp4V\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/record-setting-heat-waves-roasts-rockies-denver-plains-heading-east/2012/06/26/gJQAeedp4V_blog.html)

June 26 **Sites in Co, TX, KS, Neb, Ark set/tie all-time June heat records**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/record-setting-heat-waves-roasts-rockies-denver-plains-heading-east/2012/06/26/gJQAeedp4V\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/record-setting-heat-waves-roasts-rockies-denver-plains-heading-east/2012/06/26/gJQAeedp4V_blog.html)

June 26 **Fla's Ancote River rose from 9 to 27 ft due to Debby.** 'Mother Nature woke us up,' says official. Water 'head-high.'

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/record-setting-heat-waves-roasts-rockies-denver-plains-heading-east/2012/06/26/gJQAeedp4V\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/record-setting-heat-waves-roasts-rockies-denver-plains-heading-east/2012/06/26/gJQAeedp4V_blog.html)

June 27 **CO Springs fire of 'epic proportion,' showing 'extreme behavior,' 'as serious as it gets.'** 32k evacuated  
<http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/27/us/western-wildfires/index.html>

June 27 Head of Natl Climate Data Ctr: US is seeing "a super-heated spike on top of a decades long warming trend." [http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=f0f\\_1340788999](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=f0f_1340788999)

June 27 Beyond irony alert: NCAR, America's top global warming scientists, evacuating ahead of Boulder wildfire

June 27 **CO Springs fire doubles in size, 'column of evacuees leaving city'**  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/27/us-usa-wildfires-idUSBRE85L1DD20120627>

June 27 **Dust Bowl era heat records starting to tumble** across the Plains  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 27 **This heatwave bad by our current definition--but in a few years it will be normal.** ugh. <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/27/heat-wave-1000-records-fall-in-us-in-week/>

June 27 MO: UV index hits 11, which is as high as it goes (it was funnier in Spinal Tap) [http://articles.kspr.com/2012-06-26/uv-index\\_32429091](http://articles.kspr.com/2012-06-26/uv-index_32429091)

June 27 Headlines you hope not to see too often: "**Monster Fire Terrorizes Colorado City.**" <http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/27/us/western-wildfires-reaction/index.html>

June 27 Read this column from the Co Springs paper: "Flooring It to Safety with Hell in Rearview Mirror" <http://www.gazette.com/news/house-140917-family-outside.html>

June 27 Thinking of our friends **in BC where killer floods are washing away homes** <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1216819--deadly-b-c-flooding-continues-to-prompt-evacuations-highway-closures>

June 27 stat of the day: the Kardashians got 40x more coverage last year than ocean acidification. (both herald end times, tho)  
<http://mediamatters.org/blog/201206270006>

June 27 Meteorologist: Debby dropped 'unthinkable amounts of rain.'  
Jacksonville all-time 2day record, Tampa all-time June mark  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/tropical-storm-debbie-is-gone-but-damage-is-done-photos/2012/06/27/gJQADENf7V\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/tropical-storm-debbie-is-gone-but-damage-is-done-photos/2012/06/27/gJQADENf7V_blog.html)

June 27 Exxon CEO: global warming 'manageable,' an 'engineering problem.'  
No, it's a greed problem: your's. <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/1ff711c8-c066-11e1-982d-00144feabdc0.html#axzz1z2l2CNbY>

June 27 **Fires race through SE Montana**, burning homes, 125k acres. Gov: '1 of most dangerous fires in state history' [http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/eastern-montana-wildfires-torch-dozens-of-homes/article\\_f25623dc-ca11-58a4-a0b4-67523ac58b6c.html](http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/eastern-montana-wildfires-torch-dozens-of-homes/article_f25623dc-ca11-58a4-a0b4-67523ac58b6c.html)

June 27 meanwhile, in gates of hell dept: giant dust storm blows through phoenix. check out the picture <http://www.azfamily.com/home/Huge-dust-storm-takes-shape-south-of-Phoenix-160466095.html>

June 28 More amazing reporting on tarsands oil spill--you really don't want one of these pipelines anywhere near you  
<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20120628/dilbit-disaster-diluted-bitumen-oil-spill-enbridge-6b-michigan-epa-kalamazoo-river>

June 28 **Arctic sea ice has melted faster this year than ever recorded before**  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/jun/27/arctic-sea-ice-melt-rate?intcmp=122>

June 28 Truly **astonishing floods in Assam** (i've been in this area; this is so hard to read about). 22 dead. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-news/Guwahati/Worst-floods-in-Assam-since-1998-toll-22/Article1->

880381.aspx

June 28 Ever wonder what global warming is going to feel like? In its early stages, it feels like this week. This is it. It's underway.

June 28 CO Springs fire most destructive in state history, breaking record set in Ft. Collins...last week <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-colorado-springs-fire-20120628,0,1534923.story>

June 29 Power plants 'burning our rivers,' using up precious water  
<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2012/06/29/5>

June 29 Greenland ice melt area expanding fast, soon may cover the whole island <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/greenland-ice-sheet-reflectivity-near-record-low-research-shows/>

June 29 Drought, heat mean corn stockpiles plunge 50% over last two years  
<http://www.croplife.com/article/28963/heat-wave-drought-visably-impacting-nations-corn-supply>

June 29 DC meteorologist's weekend forecast: "do you have a walk-in freezer you can move into?" [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/dc-area-forecast-ready-or-not-here-comes-intense-heat/2012/06/28/gJQAQkDQAW\\_blog.html?wprss=rss\\_weather\\_forecasts&utm\\_source=twtfed&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=forecast](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/dc-area-forecast-ready-or-not-here-comes-intense-heat/2012/06/28/gJQAQkDQAW_blog.html?wprss=rss_weather_forecasts&utm_source=twtfed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=forecast)

June 29 On Ebay they wouldn't even call this an auction--US govt sells off its coal on 'buy it now' plan for next to nothing  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/06/29/508585/blm-auctions-720-million-ton-north-porcupine-coal-tract-to-single-bidder-for-110-a-ton/>

June 29 western fires affecting air quality all the way to the east coast. remarkable nasa map  
[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48014954/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science/#.T-37LStYuA0](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48014954/ns/technology_and_science-science/#.T-37LStYuA0)

June 29 Apparently Obama called the fires a 'natural disaster,' which really isn't quite true any more. Honesty needed, I fear

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/29/us/western-wildfires/index.html>

June 29 St.Louis zoo deals with heat (maybe advice for everyone): 'freeze bananas and oranges and throw them to the primates'

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2012/0629/US-heat-Wave-Three-digit-temperatures-recorded-across-Midwest>

June 29 Illinois, Arkansas set all-time june temp records

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 29 Exxon CEO: leaking frack well hurts locals, but "in great scheme of things pretty small." can u say jerk on twitter?

[http://bottomline.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2012/06/28/12460198-exxonmobil-ceo-assailed-for-claims-on-climate-change?lite](http://bottomline.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/06/28/12460198-exxonmobil-ceo-assailed-for-claims-on-climate-change?lite)

June 30 After day of record heat, wild storm leaves 1.5 million in DC without power. Winds 'reflected ferocity of heat'

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/record-heat-scorches-washington-region/2012/06/29/gJQAgOIUCW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/record-heat-scorches-washington-region/2012/06/29/gJQAgOIUCW_story.html)

June 30 State of emergency in WVA--500k w/out power as mercury starts to climb again <http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2012/06/30/state-emergency-declared-in-west-virginia-after-powerful-storms/>

June 30 so far this year? 35,000 new high temp records.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-heat-wave-climate-20120629,0,1202636.story>

June 30 Obama radio address is on CO fires; nary a mention of climate. If ever there was a teachable moment...

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2012/06/30/text-obamas-radio-address-on.html?page=all>

June 30 Wisc. farmers: maple season didn't happen, early summer wrecked fruit trees, now drought is killing field crops:  
<http://www.jsonline.com/business/farm30-e15utoj-160876465.html>

June 30 **If climate change is a hoax, it's a big budget hoax with high production values.** this is a truly scary weekend across much of the US

June 30 **Highest windspeed reported in last night's superstorm: 106 mph in Oswego, Illinois. A heatacane!**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 30 **All-time heat marks Fri: Nashville, Chattanooga; Columbia, Greenville SC, Raleigh, Charlotte, Paducah...and a lot more**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

June 30 **People camping out in Va. malls to find power, AC. Gov: 'like a hurricane.'** <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/01/us/storms-leave-2-million-without-power.html?hp&gwh=05917D48E5EA7948C406DBC5E2984A3>

June 30 amazing images of the **wildfires in siberia--at least as intense as the ones in the rockies** <http://www.universetoday.com/95889/huge-wildfires-burn-on-opposite-sides-of-the-planet/>

July 1 Uh oh, **heat then storms in Chicago, 90 mph winds, 206k without power, 61 kayakers rescued**  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-as-area-heats-up-forecasters-warn-of-severe-storms-20120701,0,3811671.story>

July 1 **14 states under extreme heat warning--'dangerous for those who can't find shelter in cool locale.'** <http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/01/us/extreme-heat/index.html>

July 1 **fireworks displays called off for the 4th across much of country, 'can't risk an errant ember.'**  
[http://www.philly.com/philly/news/nation\\_world/160975525.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/nation_world/160975525.html)

July 1 **Atlanta burning: Highest temp ever recorded**

<http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/heat-wave-sets-an-1467876.html>

July 1 Happy Canada Day! Can we celebrate by shutting down the tarsands, pls?

July 1 Gotta love the Daily News: "Big Apple baked again today--and could be cooking for days." <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/heatwave-new-york-city-temperatures-top-90-degrees-third-straight-day-article-1.1105805>

July 1 Wish this was a joke--in Ohio, they're planning to frack cemeteries.

<http://www.centredaily.com/2012/06/30/3247613/gas-under-graveyards-raises-moral.html> & HT @RL\_Miller

July 1 Jul **All-time high in Raleigh, Durham** too. We've been keeping weather records a long time. "All-time" is remarkable

<http://www.chapelboro.com/Records-Broken-On-Day-One-Of-Heat-Wave-2012/13600113>

July 1 Um, check out **the heat index in Goldboro NC, 131 degrees**. Didn't even know that was possible

<http://www.wunderground.com/US/NC/Goldsboro.html>

July 1 **"No point in listing or even attempting to summarize new heat records"**--weather historian Christopher Burt

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/weatherhistorian>

July 1 Really really hot in NC, where highway buckles and has to close

<http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2012/06/29/north-carolina-highway-buckles-closes-from-record-breaking-heat> & @suiteqt

July 2 Amazing NYT account of the heat in 1 Kansas town--farmers fainting in fields, workers burned by tools left in the sun

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/02/us/kansas-town-struggles-to-deal-with-115-degrees.html>

July 2 **Big new wildfire in Wyo--shutting down gas fields as it grows**  
<http://summitcountyvoice.com/2012/07/02/wildfires-shutting-down-gas-fields-in-wyoming-utah/>

July 2 **Heat in the East rivals that of 'Saudia Arabia along the Red Sea' at its worst.** <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 2 **2 million out of their homes in flooding in Assam**, most sheltering under tarps [http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/nearly-half-a-million-people-in-relief-camps-as-monsoon-floods-kill-81-in-indias-northeast/2012/07/02/gJQAldvgHW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/nearly-half-a-million-people-in-relief-camps-as-monsoon-floods-kill-81-in-indias-northeast/2012/07/02/gJQAldvgHW_story.html)

July 2 **Shell: We're not planning to clean up spilled Arctic oil**, we're planning to 'encounter' it. That's groovy!  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/07/02/509453/shell-clarifies-it-can-encounter-95-percent-of-an-arctic-oil-spill-not-collect-it/>

July 2 Meteorologists call Friday's storm a 'land hurricane,' say it raced 700 miles from Indiana to the Atlantic in 12 hrs  
<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/02/usa-weather-storm-idINL2E8I23HA20120702>

July 2 It's the American way: Forbes offers tips to investors on how to make \$ from corn-killing drought  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/greatspeculations/2012/07/02/make-hay-with-corn-in-heat-wave-of-2012/>

July 2 not just here: researchers find **the area of the globe hit by extreme summer temps has gone up 50-fold**  
<http://climatecommunication.org/new/articles/heat-waves-and-climate-change/overview/>

July 2 It's not hot everywhere--**in Britain they just had the rainiest June in their (long) history** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/jul/02/june-record-wettest-month> & HT @skintnick

July 2 Looting after fires in Co Springs, an anti-tax haven that's trimmed cops, firemen, and every other service.

<http://www.standard.net/stories/2012/07/02/wildfire-tests-colorados-anti-tax-movement>

July 2 Today's big wildfire breakout is in Wyoming [http://trib.com/news/state-and-local/wildfires-destroy-structures-force-evacuations/article\\_c214f9fd-ea1c-5c94-b867-c0a017b2eda9.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-local/wildfires-destroy-structures-force-evacuations/article_c214f9fd-ea1c-5c94-b867-c0a017b2eda9.html)

July 3 With the right special effects, even a hoax like global warming can seem plausible <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/07/03/bill-mckibben-on-the-global-warming-hoax.html>

July 3 Remarkable AP report: 'Vast majority' of 'mainstream scientists'--'this is what global warming looks like.' <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/07/03/this-us-summer-is-what-global-warming-looks-like/>

July 3 Starting very much to feel like this tragic week is a turning point in the perception of climate change.

July 3 were this a real crisis, authorities would be taking action. right? <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/07/03/bill-mckibben-on-the-global-warming-hoax.html>

July 3 1 reason grain prices spiking so sharply: our drought comes on heels of a bad one in the soy belt of Latin Am.

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/7bc2f826-c45f-11e1-a98c-00144feabdc0.html#axzz1zYti1eDL>

July 3 We've got company. With monsoon delayed, killer heat wave continues across India <http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/heat-wave-spell-continues-in-north-no-sign-of-monsoon-238727>

July 3 Tell us what we need to know, please: only 3% of wildfire coverage has mentioned climate change

<http://mediamatters.org/research/2012/07/03/study-media-avoid-climate->

context-in-wildfire-c/186921

July 3 Iowa issues 'excessive heat advisory' which lasts thru Saturday. (I think God is issuing one too?) <http://www.radioiowa.com/2012/07/03/nws-heat-advisories-warnings-for-most-of-iowa/> & HT @rebeccaburkesi

July 3 @JeremySymons ["40,000 heat records have already been broken this year across the United States, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration."]

**This is why it's happening, folks!**

July 3 **this is what happens when you add a trillion tons of carbon pollution to the atmosphere** <http://blog.nwf.org/2012/07/what-is-causing-the-climate-to-unravel/>

July 3 **72% of nation dry/drought-ridden.** That's, like, a high percentage! <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 4 As heat warps rail tracks, Amtrak slows dramatically <http://www.examiner.net/news/x1446669725/Heat-wave-is-slowing-Amtrak-service>

July 4 **100s evacuated in Wyo. blazes, 400 foot wall of flame, 'never seen fire behavior like this.'** [http://www.laramieboomerang.com/articles/2012/07/04/ap-state-wy/wy\\_wyoming\\_wildfires.txt](http://www.laramieboomerang.com/articles/2012/07/04/ap-state-wy/wy_wyoming_wildfires.txt)

July 4 **Widest area of 'abnormal dryness' since official Drought Monitor Report began measuring** <http://www.thetrumpet.com/9568.8465.0.0/world/environment/us-drought-grows-nationally>

July 4 **Heat everywhere**--101 in Minneapolis, breaking old record <http://gazettextra.com/weblogs/latest-news/2012/jul/04/heat-wave-sets-temp-records-across-minn-wis/>

July 4 Astonishing pictures of the **flooding in Assam--millions out of their homes** <http://www.sfgate.com/columns/slideshow/Floods-in-India-displace->

millions-45399.php#photo-3150193

July 5 **13 states in the 100s**, heatwave will last thru weekend, 174 cities set new records <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-07-04/heat-wave/56015536/1>

July 5 **wildfires erupt across Arkansas**

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120705\\_12\\_A13\\_CUTLIN700198](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20120705_12_A13_CUTLIN700198)

July 5 Africa ag expert w/sad (+ global) message: 'will be no or very little to harvest as long rains continue being elusive'

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201207050138.html>

July 5 RAMPing up to stop mountaintop removal--get ready for big action.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/242102679236134> & #stopMTR

July 5 not just us: heatwave closes schools in the Punjab

<http://www.ndtv.com/article/cities/all-punjab-schools-closed-till-july-8-239557>

July 6 **Corn prices up 38%, wheat 33% in last three weeks**

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/06/markets-grains-idINL3E8I60DP20120706>

July 6 **Head of NOAA (and one of our great scientists): 'climate change playing out in real time.'**

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/07/06/511724/top-us-science-official-climate-change-is-underwayits-having-consequences-in-real-time/>

July 6 **Dozens pass out from heat at Obama speech, apparently he doesn't notice since no word about climate**

[http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/236489-report-dozens-pass-out-from-extreme-heat-at-obama-campaign-event?](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/236489-report-dozens-pass-out-from-extreme-heat-at-obama-campaign-event?utm_campaign=E2Wire&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

[utm\\_campaign=E2Wire&utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/236489-report-dozens-pass-out-from-extreme-heat-at-obama-campaign-event?utm_campaign=E2Wire&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

July 6 Business Week: **"Drought Stalks the Global Food Supply"**

<http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2012-07-05/drought-stalks-the-global-food-supply>

July 6 1/3 of W. Va. still without power--hardest hit state of all

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/06/usa-weather-power-idINL2E8I5DVF20120706>

July 7 **Horrible Russian flooding, 11 inches rain in a few hours, more than a hundred dead** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jul/07/45-die-russia-floods> & 'it came so fast'

July 7 Brahmaputra starting to recede, but **121 dead in Assam floods**, world's largest river island inundated

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3613491.ece>

July 7 IL farmer: 'every day it's just the blazing heat and cloudless sky.' losing 2 bushels/acre/day <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-0706-drought-2-20120706,0,4583909.story>

July 8 **NOAA spokesman: 'black swan of heat waves,'** in its duration, severity. 30 dead--too horrible. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/triple-digit-temperatures-extending-into-the-northeast-could-grip-philadelphia-and-new-york/2012/07/07/gJQA6KvTTW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/triple-digit-temperatures-extending-into-the-northeast-could-grip-philadelphia-and-new-york/2012/07/07/gJQA6KvTTW_story.html)

July 8 Drought also damaging yields in Russia, China

<http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2012/world/north-america/droughts-hit-world-agricultural-regions-without-water-u-s-corn-crop-faces-setbacks/>

July 8 **Korean peninsula in worst drought in at least 105 years**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/weatherhistorian>

July 8 Does this make you feel any cooler? **Mecca broke its all time heat record last month: 124.5 degrees.**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/weatherhistorian>

July 9 Business Week (not really an alarmist rag): "U.S. Corn Growers

Farming In Hell.” <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-07-08/u-dot-s-dot-corn-growers-farming-in-hell-as-heat-spreads-commodities>

July 9 Forecast The Facts @ForecastFacts Can't make this up -- A month ago @HeartlandInst said global warming is helping Iowa, Kansas, Florida, NYC. <http://bit.ly/NfSxWS> #climate Retweeted by Bill McKibben

July 9 U.S. beats record for warmest six months. USA! USA!  
<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/09/climate-usa-heat-idINL2E8I97OD20120709>

July 9 56% of US in drought--but Florida, thanks to Debby, just had its wettest June ever. #connectthedots <http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/09/climate-usa-heat-idINL2E8I97OD20120709>

July 9 w/out global warming odds are we'd see one more hot stretch like this between now and 124,652 AD  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 10 'Corn, soybean prices exploded in Chicago at the beginning of open outcry trading' today  
<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2012/07/08/corn-and-bean-rally-continues/>

July 10 As you look at the midwest drought, remember that last year we had record flood across the Miss. basin. #connectthedots

July 10 Scientists march in lab coats to protest Canada's 'most environmentally hostile' govt  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/jul/09/canada-stephen-harper-revolt-scientists>

July 10 In the U.S., drought--in the U.K., it's flood that's making farming a 'living nightmare'  
[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/9807144.Nightmare\\_for\\_farmers\\_as\\_weather\\_hits\\_crops/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/9807144.Nightmare_for_farmers_as_weather_hits_crops/)

July 11 **savage drought in n. mexico, the worst ever**. Physicist: 'here the climate has already changed. there is no doubt.'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/chihuahua-where-the-rain-doesnt-fall-any-more-7932695.html>

July 11 **1000 counties, 26 states, biggest disaster declaration in USDA history**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-07-11/usda-declares-disaster-in-26-states-as-drought-sears-midwest.html> & h/t @nyrbLit

July 12 **Siberia in flames**, check out the NASA image

<http://www.redorbit.com/images/pic/62574/wildfires-in-siberia/>

July 12 **Smoke from Siberia's wildfires turns Vancouver hazy**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 12 S. **Oregon wildfire passes 455,000 acres**

<http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/Oregon-wildfire-burns-kills-cattle-162260515.html?ref=515> & (biggest in country?)

July 13 **Corn price nears all-time high**, only 'teaser rains' in forecast

<http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/latest/US-corn-nears-all-time-high-as-drought-worries-mount-162359056.html>

July 14 **Japanese rains just crazy: 400,000 evacuated! 20 dead**

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/ordered-to-evacuate-in-japan/story-fncynkc6-1226426059666>

July 15 **this drought is nearly as bad as it gets**

[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\\_monitoring/regional\\_monitoring/rpd07drs.gif](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/regional_monitoring/rpd07drs.gif)

July 15 David Attenborough, amidst the record rainfall of the UK: **this is what climate change looks like**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/profiles/sir-david-attenborough-this-awful-summer-weve-only-ourselves-to-blame-7942405.html> &

#connectthedots

July 15 **Worst drought in a century in N, S Korea, Pyongyang reports record highs**, soldiers dumping buckets of water on fields

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/26/korean-drought-worst-in-century\\_n\\_1626932.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/26/korean-drought-worst-in-century_n_1626932.html)

July 15 WSJ: **4th heat wave of 'obscenely hot summer' beginning in the east**

<http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2012/07/15/weather-journal-seasons-fourth-heat-wave-has-arrived/>

July 15 **Arctic ice melt ahead of all-time record year**

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/07/15/517681/record-amount-of-arctic-sea-ice-melted-in-june/>

July 15 **Japan's flooding spreads to Kyoto, 'year's worth of rain in a weekend'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-18852163>

July 16 **Price of corn surging in Africa because of midwest drought**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-07-16/south-african-white-corn-advances-to-record-johannesburg-mover.html>

July 16 Record highs beat lows 9-1 this year; by 2100 could be 50-1

<http://www.climatecentral.org/blogs/more-heat-records-compared-to-cold-records/>

July 16 Tar Sands Action Tar Sands Action @TarSandsAction Three tiny East Texas towns are defending their water supplies and fighting back against Keystone XL: <http://bit.ly/OJdhEC> #noKXL Retweeted by Bill McKibben

July 16 Acropolis in Athens closes due to 107.6 degree heat

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/greek-heat-wave-closes-acropolis-early-temperature-hit-42-celsius/2012/07/16/gJQArFHEoW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/greek-heat-wave-closes-acropolis-early-temperature-hit-42-celsius/2012/07/16/gJQArFHEoW_story.html)

July 16 Brave Ohioans! Crowd blocking site for frackwater injection near

Youngstown earthquake zone <http://ohiofracktion.com/>

July 16 Jul 350 Vermont 350 Vermont @350VermontVermont --> RT  
@KXLBlockade: Environmental groups organize walk along oil pipeline, tar  
sands protest <http://shar.es/td3Ep> #vt #btv #nekRetweeted by Bill McKibben

July 16 **Warmest June on record across northern hemisphere**  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/northern-hemisphere-warmest-on-record-arctic-ice-has-biggest-melt-in-june/2012/07/16/gJQAjbMroW\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/northern-hemisphere-warmest-on-record-arctic-ice-has-biggest-melt-in-june/2012/07/16/gJQAjbMroW_blog.html)

July 16 **N. Hemisphere snow cover 1 million sq kilometers below all-time previous record** [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/northern-hemisphere-warmest-on-record-arctic-ice-has-biggest-melt-in-june/2012/07/16/gJQAjbMroW\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/post/northern-hemisphere-warmest-on-record-arctic-ice-has-biggest-melt-in-june/2012/07/16/gJQAjbMroW_blog.html)

July 16 **Greenland glacier calves a chunk twice the size of Manhattan**  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/07/16/525251/glacial-change-aint-what-it-used-to-be-petermann-calves-another-huge-chunk-of-greenland-ice/>

July 17 Scientists calling this a 'flash drought' because its grew so fast.  
Remember, last year much of this land was flooded  
[http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci\\_21089894/high-and-dry](http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci_21089894/high-and-dry)

July 17 House GOP stonewalls proposed hearings on drought, heat.  
<http://tpmdc.talkingpointsmemo.com/2012/07/republicans-block-climate-change-hearing.php?ref=fpnewsfeed>

July 17 Top climate scientists band together to demand State Dept study  
warming in their Keystone review <http://www.350.org/en/kxl-scientist-letter>

July 17 **Much of the Plains will be in the 100s all week**, Carolinas going to 110  
tomw, triple digits in DC <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/july-heat-grips-midwest-to-mid-atlantic-aggravates-drought1/>

July 17 **Northern Mexico drought truly ruinous**, locals say it's worse than drug

war violence

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/americas/mexico/120716/drought-farms-climate-change>

July 17 **Corn price nears record \$8 bushel**

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/17/markets-grains-idINL6E8IHHI220120717>

July 17 Not just us. **Serbia's corn harvest cut in half by drought**

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-07-17/serbia-s-corn-harvest-may-be-halved-as-drought-takes-toll>

July 17 **Himalayan glaciers melting fast**, melt lakes growing

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/environment/global-warming/tibetan-glaciers-retreating-earlier-study-flawed-report/articleshow/15019804.cms> & h/t @RL\_Miller

July 17 **400k homeless in Indian flooding**, second round feared

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48194514/ns/world\\_news-south\\_and\\_central\\_asia/#.UAYL2DGXSZY](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48194514/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/#.UAYL2DGXSZY)

July 18 **14 major cities set new highs yesterday**, 100s from St. Louis to

Syracuse <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/18/us-usa-drought-idUSBRE86F1D420120718>

July 18 Drought a 'horror story' sez Purdue expert 'I see an increasing number of fields that will produce zero grain.'

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/18/us-usa-drought-idUSBRE86F1D420120718>

July 18 Japanese researchers find **ice turning to 'consistency of sherbet' on Greenland glaciers.**

[http://ajw.asahi.com/article/behind\\_news/social\\_affairs/AJ201207180031](http://ajw.asahi.com/article/behind_news/social_affairs/AJ201207180031)

July 18 **Morocco sets all-time natl heat record**, 121.3 degrees

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 18 **1/3 of American counties now disaster areas due to drought**  
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2012/07/18/156981232/drought-disasters-declared-in-more-counties-1-297-affected-so-far>

July 18 Record heat in the one place you'd least want it: at the summit of the Greenland ice sheet. Yikes.  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 18 **Extreme Greenland heat has doubled record flow of rivers leading from the ice sheet.** Scary pictures  
<http://neven1.typepad.com/blog/2012/07/the-wet-side-of-greenland.html>

July 19 **Grain prices set new highs**--drought could last...to October?  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/20/us-usa-drought-idUSBRE86F1D420120720>

July 21 **Heaviest rains in at least 6 decades in Beijing**  
<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2012/07/21/world/asia/ap-as-china-storm-deaths.html?hp&gwh=400099EA48D5D1DD8911E0244385A0B8 &#connectthedots>

July 23 **'extreme melt' underway on Greenland** this summer, reports Jason Box @climate\_ice <http://www.meltfactor.org/blog/?p=556&preview=true>

July 24 **Arctic sea ice has greatest June loss on record**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 24 **20 million people displaced in Bangladeshi flooding**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 24 **Ukraine, Europe's largest corn grower, expects yields to fall 23% in the heat** <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-07-23/europe-heat-wave-wilting-corn-adds-to-u-s-drought-commodities.html>

July 24 **Massive rainfall leaves 35 dead in Nigeria flooding**

[http://www.voanews.com/content/flooding\\_in\\_central\\_nigeria\\_kills\\_at\\_least\\_35/1444270.html](http://www.voanews.com/content/flooding_in_central_nigeria_kills_at_least_35/1444270.html)

July 26 Many congrats to Exxon on a \$15 billion second quarter profit, maybe they can buy another planet with it

[http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/Files/news\\_release\\_earnings\\_2q12.pdf](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/Files/news_release_earnings_2q12.pdf)

July 26 **St. Louis records 11th day above 105 degrees**, the most ever

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 26 Depending on measurements, **drought now either 2nd or 3rd worst in U.S. history**, and intensifying

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

July 26 We've got the storm of the century every year now, says power company exec in NYT [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/26/us/rise-in-weather-extremes-threatens-infrastructure.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/26/us/rise-in-weather-extremes-threatens-infrastructure.html?_r=1)

July 28 Black widow spiders showing up in droves during New York's hot summer? <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/bad-tourists-black-widow-spiders-invading-new-york-bad-bite-video-article-1.1123563>

July 28 **Drought and scorching temperatures in Eastern Europe from Poland to Romania** <http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/26/us-usa-drought-idINBRE86N1M120120726>

July 29 **Japanese heatwave** kills 8, sends thousands to hospitals

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/nn20120730a2.html>

July 29 Indian farmer: Soybeans "should be 2 ft high by now, but it's not even coming off the ground. There is no growth. There is no rain.

July 31 On Sunday, every weather station in OK topped 100, on Mon, Sen. Inhofe explained global warming's not real

<http://www.climatecentral.org/blogs/extreme-heat-continues-to-plague-south->

central-states/

July 31 The bottom line is the corn is not going to be saved, Nebraska ag analyst [http://articles.marketwatch.com/2012-07-30/markets/32934313\\_1\\_corn-crop-grain-and-soybean-futures-active-contract](http://articles.marketwatch.com/2012-07-30/markets/32934313_1_corn-crop-grain-and-soybean-futures-active-contract)

Aug 1 Extreme rainfalls grow 33% in Virginia--#connectthedots  
<http://fairfaxnews.com/2012/07/report-extreme-downpours-up-33-in-virginia/>

Aug 1 Hitting close to (my) home: New England downpours up 85% in my lifetime <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/07/31/616441/when-it-rains-it-pours-new-study-finds-extreme-snowstorms-and-deluges-are-becoming-more-frequent-and-more-severe/>

Aug 1 **25,000 new record high temps in U.S so far this year, outpacing records 9-1** <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/08/01/622111/juiced-by-climate-change-extreme-weather-on-steroids/>

Aug 1 **Record snow melt in the Austrian Alps**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Aug 2 **More than half of US counties now disaster zones** due to drought  
[http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/01/more-than-half-of-u-s-counties-now-disaster-zones-due-to-drought-officials-say/?hpt=us\\_r1](http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/01/more-than-half-of-u-s-counties-now-disaster-zones-due-to-drought-officials-say/?hpt=us_r1)

Aug 2 **Warmest year on record so far for Illinois, 98 of 102 counties now disaster areas** <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-drought-disaster-0802-20120802,0,3936680.story>

Aug 2 **typhoon brings...five feet of rain to taiwan?**  
[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j-c\\_rXZnWnhTZYM\\_jS\\_W22IVUzXg?docId=f967d6dadd3c4eac83c42f6dfbc37dda](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j-c_rXZnWnhTZYM_jS_W22IVUzXg?docId=f967d6dadd3c4eac83c42f6dfbc37dda)

Aug 2 **After record drought, N Korea now hit with wild flooding**  
<http://www.sfgate.com/world/article/North-Korea-hit-by-devastating-floods->

3755903.php

Aug 2 50,000 gallon oil geyser from Enbridge pipeline in Wisconsin field. You wonder why folks don't want one on their farm?

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20120801/enbridge-oil-pipeline-wisconsin-phmsa-epa-water-fine-kalamazoo-dilbit-diluted-bitumen-safety>

Aug 2 **New all-time temp record for OK, 121 degrees** yesterday. Man!

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Aug 2 Indonesian soy prices up 33% in last month, causing clashes with police--remember, it's a globalized world

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html>

Aug 2 Drought continues to worsen, **2/3 of the U.S. affected**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/02/us-drought-idUSBRE87110A20120802>

Aug 3 First Nations pledge civil disobedience to stop northern gateway pipeline. this thing's not getting built <http://www.causes.com/causes/2181-first-nations-aboriginal-rights/actions/1670815> ... @ClaytonIEN

Aug 3 Wild film of a "smokenado" in a burned over part of OK--oh, and check out the temp reading <http://freedom43tv.com/2012/08/01/smokenado-ash-devil-caught-on-video/> ...

Aug 3 Hansen: 'within a few decades even the seasons that were once considered average will cease to occur.'

[http://www.columbia.edu/~jeh1/mailings/2012/20120803\\_DicePopSci.pdf](http://www.columbia.edu/~jeh1/mailings/2012/20120803_DicePopSci.pdf) ...

Aug 3 Army Corps "dredging round the clock" in effort to keep drought-shrunk Mississippi navigable

[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/03/13090325-drought-dries-up-stretch-of-platte-river-slows-barges-on-lower-mississippi?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/03/13090325-drought-dries-up-stretch-of-platte-river-slows-barges-on-lower-mississippi?lite) ...

Aug 3 Platte River tackle shop owner: "The river was full of fish, and to see

them all die is a travesty,”

[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/03/13090325-drought-dries-up-stretch-of-platte-river-slows-barges-on-lower-mississippi?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/03/13090325-drought-dries-up-stretch-of-platte-river-slows-barges-on-lower-mississippi?lite) ...

Aug 3 NE's Platte River dry from Kearney to Columbus, 100 miles. check out the pic [http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/03/13090325-drought-dries-up-stretch-of-platte-river-slows-barges-on-lower-mississippi?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/03/13090325-drought-dries-up-stretch-of-platte-river-slows-barges-on-lower-mississippi?lite) ...

Aug 3 **In the Punjab--India's Grain Belt--rainfall 70% below average**

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2012/08/03/1> ...

Aug 3 India's second drought in four years heightens focus on “climate change vulnerability” <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2012/08/03/1> ...

Aug 3 **Hottest year on record in lower 48**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/drought-intensifies-in-most-parched-areas-of-us/2012/08/02/gJQAc334RX\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/drought-intensifies-in-most-parched-areas-of-us/2012/08/02/gJQAc334RX_story.html) ...

Aug 3 **New all-time Asia temp record apparently set: 128.5 degrees**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/weatherhistorian> ...

Aug 3 113 degree temp buckles OK bridge <http://newsok.com/buckled-bridge-closes-oklahoma-highway-33-near-downtown-guthrie/article/3697532> ...

Aug 4 OK asks for help w/wildfires, but Ark, TX, KS can't help--they have their own blazes. [http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/04/13115739-oklahomas-plea-for-help-falls-on-deaf-ears-as-wildfires-burn-out-of-control?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/04/13115739-oklahomas-plea-for-help-falls-on-deaf-ears-as-wildfires-burn-out-of-control?lite) ...

Aug 4 Blazes in 11 OK counties, OKC hits record 113 degrees

[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/04/13115739-oklahomas-plea-for-help-falls-on-deaf-ears-as-wildfires-burn-out-of-control?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/04/13115739-oklahomas-plea-for-help-falls-on-deaf-ears-as-wildfires-burn-out-of-control?lite) ...

Aug 4 Drought wracking Navajo farmers: “We don't get rain anymore. We just get wind and dust.”

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/08/03/drought-hits-navajo->

nation-ranchers-hard-127078 ...

Aug 4 Hansen, peer-reviewed study, “the future is now and it is hot.”  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/climate-change-is-here--and-worse-than-we-thought/2012/08/03/6ae604c2-dd90-11e1-8e43-4a3c4375504a\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/climate-change-is-here--and-worse-than-we-thought/2012/08/03/6ae604c2-dd90-11e1-8e43-4a3c4375504a_story.html) ...

Aug 5 India’s 4th drought in 11 years  
<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/article3731468.ece> ...

Aug 5 **OK: “monster” fire “devours” 91 square miles**  
<http://www.newsday.com/news/nation/oklahoma-fires-continue-to-burn-residents-return-home-1.3884299> ...

Aug 5 Jason Box @climate\_ice **June 2012, warmest on record for Greenland’s capital** Nuuk since at least 1866 when continuous record keeping began, +7.2 C vs +4.3 C average

Aug 5 In July, new heat records beat new cold records by a 17-1 ratio  
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/08/05/641501/july-heat-records-crush-cold-records-historic-heat-wave-and-drought-fuels-oklahoma-fires/> ...

Aug 5 Fox News: **OK:smoke visible 50 miles from blazing wildfires, ash falling**  
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/08/05/raging-oklahoma-wildfires-prompt-evacuations/> ...

Aug 5 Record-breaking water temps in rivers, lakes across Midwest; large fish kills  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/nature/heatwave-turns-americas-waterways-into-rivers-of-death-8007770.html> ...

Aug 5 Jim Hansen: “This is not some scientific theory. We are now experiencing scientific fact.”  
<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/globalwarming/story/2012-08-04/heat-waves-climate-change-james-hansen/56794570/1> ...

Aug 5 SD corn farmer: “We’ll have to decide if it’s worth the price of the fuel to

even run the combine” to harvest

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/08/05/midwest-drought-forces-south-dakota-farmers-and-ranchers-to-abandon-crops-and-thin-herds.html> ...

Aug 5 “Thousands on the move” in OK fleeing wildfires, as **temps go above 100 for 19th straight day**

[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/04/13115739-towns-residents-flee-oklahoma-wildfires-that-have-destroyed-dozens-of-homes?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/04/13115739-towns-residents-flee-oklahoma-wildfires-that-have-destroyed-dozens-of-homes?lite) ...

Aug 6 SF Chevron refinery on fire, residents ordered to turn off AC, ‘shelter in place.’ <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Fire-at-Chevron-refinery-in-Richmond-3767221.php> ...

Aug 6 Bureaucrats at Intl Energy Agency warn of **‘Miami Beach in Boston’** unless climate change slows (and what about Miami?)

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/08/06/644231/iea-bombshell-global-warming-miami-beach-in-boston-unless-urgent-action-is-taken/> ...

Aug 7 11 dead in **S. Korean heatwave**, longest streak of hot nights ever recorded there <http://blogs.wsj.com/korearealtime/2012/08/06/power-supplies-short-as-heatwave-takes-toll/> ...

Aug 8 **July hottest month ever recorded in U.S.**

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/08/08/659541/july-the-hottest-month-ever-recorded-as-drought-reaches-two-thirds-of-us/> ...

Aug 8 ‘Arcticane’ Batters Sea Ice--rare, violent northern storm

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/wildfire-evacuation-orders-lifted-oklahoma-16935460#.UCJFEchU2A0> ...

Aug 8 OK wildfire survivor “It was a fire tornado. It came from every direction. There was nothing but fire.” <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/wildfire-evacuation-orders-lifted-oklahoma-16935460#.UCJFEchU2A0> ...

Aug 9 **More than half of Manila was submerged by flooding**

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/manilas-clear-skies-reveal->

floods-scope-20120809-23xex.html ...

Aug 9 **78% of the country in drought, almost 1/4 of the U.S. 'extremely or exceptionally' parched** <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Report-Drought-worsens-in-key-farm-states-3775241.php> ...

Aug 9 **US drought causing food prices to 'surge' worldwide.**  
<http://www.turnto23.com/nationalnews/31343381/detail.html> ...

Aug 9 **At least 850k 'stranded or displaced' in Manila flooding** amid epic rains  
<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/08/08/uk-philippines-flood-idUKBRE87707520120808> ...

Aug 10 **Corn crop lowest since at least 1995, govt. says--'devastating consequences' for hungry people around the world**  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/11/business/projections-for-corn-yield-falls-to-17-year-low.html?pagewanted=all> ...

Aug 10 **Extreme heatwave in Central Europe; Croatia reporting more than half crops lost** <http://www.euronews.com/2012/08/07/heatwave-hits-central-europe/> ...

Aug 10 Neck-high water now mostly knee-deep in Manila, but authorities struggling to provide aid <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/plea-for-help-as-manila-struggles-to-cope-with-floods/story-e6frg6so-1226447082637>  
...

Aug 10 **91% of Nebraska in drought.** Thinking hard of our brave friends there who fought Keystone #noxkl  
[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gNLQePSArsNa\\_zmszxOIFfBKI7dA?docId=5ca161b0640c4fd78320d93636cd7567](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gNLQePSArsNa_zmszxOIFfBKI7dA?docId=5ca161b0640c4fd78320d93636cd7567) ...

Aug 10 **70% of Iowa in 'extreme or exceptional' drought.** That's a lot of corn fields  
[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gNLQePSArsNa\\_zmszxOIFfBKI7dA?docId=5ca161b0640c4fd78320d93636cd7567](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gNLQePSArsNa_zmszxOIFfBKI7dA?docId=5ca161b0640c4fd78320d93636cd7567) ...

Aug 10 So far in 2012, we've had the warmest March on record, 3rd warmest April, 2nd warmest May, and warmest July

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/show.html> ...

Aug 10 Beijing scientists warn global warming is causing floods that overwhelm China's infrastructure.

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/08/10/671201/as-severe-storms-overwhelm-chinas-infrastructure-experts-warn-that-climate-change-will-make-the-problem-worse/> ...

Aug 10 Temps reach 113 degrees in southern Spain, wildfires across southern Europe <http://www.dw.de/dw/article/0,,16159733,00.html> ...

Aug 10 Record heat in SoCal, brushfires spreading. 109 degrees in Woodland Hills <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/intense-heat-wave-brush-fires-hit-southern-california.html> ...

Aug 11 During record drought, huge amounts of midwest water being diverted to help oil industry drill more wells

<http://money.cnn.com/2012/08/10/news/economy/kansas-oil-boom-drought/index.html> ...

Aug 11 Soon we may see 'the iconic moment when we look at satellite images and see no sea ice in the Arctic, just open water.'

[http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/aug/11/arctic-sea-ice-vanishing?CMP=twf\\_fd](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/aug/11/arctic-sea-ice-vanishing?CMP=twf_fd) ...

Aug 11 Number of U.S. breweries hits all-time high,

<http://dc.thedrinknation.com/articles/read/8405-U-S-Brewery-Growth-Continues-Hits-125-Year-High> ... And contemplating Ryan administration, this is some solace

Aug 11 Massive fish kill along Des Moines River, water temp hits 97 degrees

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/summers-record-heat-drought-point-to-longer-term-climate-issues/2012/08/11/e1e6c68c-e313-11e1-a25e-15067bb31849\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/summers-record-heat-drought-point-to-longer-term-climate-issues/2012/08/11/e1e6c68c-e313-11e1-a25e-15067bb31849_story.html) ...

Aug 11 **Steamboat from Louisville to Vicksburg had to stop in Memphis--river too low. 240 passengers finished trip by bus**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/summers-record-heat-drought-point-to-longer-term-climate-issues/2012/08/11/e1e6c68c-e313-11e1-a25e-15067bb31849\\_story\\_1.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/summers-record-heat-drought-point-to-longer-term-climate-issues/2012/08/11/e1e6c68c-e313-11e1-a25e-15067bb31849_story_1.html) ...

Aug 11 I was wrong. Romney won't pay no tax--just a 0.82% rate

<http://m.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2012/08/mitt-romney-would-pay-082-percent-in-taxes-under-paul-ryans-plan/261027/> ...

Aug 12 Mighty bug infestations add to drought woes

[http://wfcourier.com/news/local/bugs-aggravate-drought-woes-faced-by-crops/article\\_2eeb0614-2632-5a8e-9f64-08a0cf0c2502.html?comment\\_form=true](http://wfcourier.com/news/local/bugs-aggravate-drought-woes-faced-by-crops/article_2eeb0614-2632-5a8e-9f64-08a0cf0c2502.html?comment_form=true) ...

Aug 12 Even Phoenix hitting record highs, people flocking to shelters.

"People just can't stand to be outside anymore"

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/11/heat-wave-western-us\\_n\\_1768755.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/11/heat-wave-western-us_n_1768755.html) ...

Aug 12 Drought drying water wells around Missouri

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/drought-taps-out-some-water-wells-around-st-louis/article\\_e439beec-32a3-5435-a7ff-241d0cd6a135.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/drought-taps-out-some-water-wells-around-st-louis/article_e439beec-32a3-5435-a7ff-241d0cd6a135.html) ...

Aug 12 **Wildfires rage across Spain**, threatening some of its most precious and rare parks <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/wildfires-threaten-burn-precious-parks-spain-16989748#.UChOOsiXSZY> ...

Aug 13 Duncan @duncanwrites This just strikes me as a sign of real cowardice. <http://bit.ly/RlvkAQ> Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 13 Saltwater pushing up the dwindling Mississippi--drinking water now coming by barge 90 miles upstream

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Nation/2012/08/13/Rivers-wells-run-dry-fish-die-in-heat.html> ...

Aug 13 Tar Sands Action @TarSandsAction Future for tar sands dims further: billions in tar sands investments dropped over environmental + cost concerns: <http://bit.ly/NbiKVr> #noKXL Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 13 With 411k still in shelters, Manila braces for yet more flooding

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/flood-ravaged-manila-braced-for->

more-misery/story-e6frg6so-1226449553926 ...

Aug 13 Amazing--coal plant plans suspended in VA after huge fight by, among others, @CCAN <http://www.dailypress.com/news/isle-of-wight-county/dp-nws-surry-coal-plant-20120810,0,7564264.story> ...

Aug 13 Fracking billionaire Harold Hamm a big part of Romney energy team-- if the Kochs had another brother, it'd be him  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/for-oil-driller-harold-hamm-bakken-boom-brings-more-billions-and-a-chance-to-dabble-in-politics/2012/08/12/3906740a-e227-11e1-ae7f-d2a13e249eb2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/for-oil-driller-harold-hamm-bakken-boom-brings-more-billions-and-a-chance-to-dabble-in-politics/2012/08/12/3906740a-e227-11e1-ae7f-d2a13e249eb2_story.html) ...

Aug 13 Sign on drought-shrunk KS pond: "Harmful Algae Present Clean fish well and discard guts." <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/08/08/3758317/dry-times-pose-tough-questions.html> ...

Aug 13 Parched Colo hayfield "like walking on potato chips"  
"<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/08/08/3758317/dry-times-pose-tough-questions.html> ...

Aug 13 Matt Leonard @losinghand 100+ streaming through doors of Montana Capitol to tell Land Board #NoCoalExports <http://twitpic.com/aizuxx>  
@CoalXportAction Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 13 T Tempest Williams @TempestWilliams My essay: "A Generational Stance On Behalf Of The Arctic Ocean." Pls share. Salazar decides this week if Shell drills [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/terry-tempest-williams/generational-stance-arctic-ocean\\_b\\_1774081.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/terry-tempest-williams/generational-stance-arctic-ocean_b_1774081.html) ... Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 14 Tough forecast: as temps rise, crop yields could fall 20% in next 20 years. this summer may be normal in 15 yrs.  
<http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/13/opinion/roberts-crops-climate/index.html> ...

Aug 14 New study in Nature: Global warming=more big droughts for U.S.  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/climate-models-that-predict-more-droughts-win-further-scientific-support/2012/08/13/cb4e3108-e16f-11e1-ae7f-d2a13e249eb2\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/climate-models-that-predict-more-droughts-win-further-scientific-support/2012/08/13/cb4e3108-e16f-11e1-ae7f-d2a13e249eb2_story.html) ...

Aug 14 After driest winter in 70 years, **deadly wildfires rage across Spain**  
<http://news.yahoo.com/spain-wildfires-kill-two-displace-thousands-140413052.html> ...

Aug 14 Matt Leonard @losinghand NEW VIDEO from @coalxportaction - occupying the MT Capitol, 7 arrested. <http://ow.ly/cXCFT> #NoCoalExports #ClimateSOS Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 14 350 dot org @350 Romney doesn't want to talk about climate, but we're not ready to let that slide. We have two tough questions for Mitt: [http://act.350actionfund.org/sign/Mitt\\_and\\_climate/](http://act.350actionfund.org/sign/Mitt_and_climate/) ... Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 14 It's kind of toasty outside, so I just challenged Mitt Romney to talk about climate change. Will you? [http://act.350actionfund.org/sign/Mitt\\_and\\_climate/](http://act.350actionfund.org/sign/Mitt_and_climate/) ...

Aug 15 Al Gore @algore Be persuasive. Win the conversation. Joe Romm (@climateprogress) shows you how in his new book: <http://amzn.to/NudA5j> Retweeted by Bill McKibben

Aug 15 1 down! No coal export terminal for Grays Harbor <http://thedailyworld.com/sections/news/local/railamerica-drops-pursuit-coal-terminal-grays-harbor.html> ...

Aug 15 Just heard that my old friend, the great writer Rick Bass, was among those arrested at the coal export action in Montana last night!

Aug 15 For farmers, drought like a 'slow-motion Katrina.'  
<http://www.npr.org/2012/08/14/158762418/is-drought-slowly-killing-us-farms>  
...

Aug 15 Hardest hit from the drought: small farmers. The big guys can afford the insurance. <http://www.npr.org/2012/08/14/158762418/is-drought-slowly-killing-us-farms> ...

Aug 15 Another tropical storm in the Philippines, more flooding feared in saturated Manila <http://www.chron.com/news/article/New-storm-hits-north-Philippines-at-least-2-dead-3785945.php> ...

Aug 15 Creeks drying up in GA, state banning new well drilling in places <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719> ...

Aug 15 Water speculators making huge profits on drought <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-08-15/drought-in-u-dot-s-dot-means-44-percent-return-for-impax-s-water-strategy> ...

Aug 15 60 houses burned in WA wildfire; blig blazes reported in OR, CA, ID  
<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/national-international/NATL-Wildfires-Rage-Across-Western-United-States-166233666.html> ...

Aug 15 "**Arctic Sea Ice Heads for Record Low**,"  
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn22175-arctic-sea-ice-heads-for-record-low.html?DCMP=OTC-rss&nsref=climate-change> ...

Aug 15 NYT: Phoenix heat so intense this year that opening the door feels like 'opening the oven to check on the cookies.'  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/15/us/unrelenting-heat-keeps-torrid-grip-on-phoenix.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/15/us/unrelenting-heat-keeps-torrid-grip-on-phoenix.html?_r=1) ...

Aug 15 3 wildfires flare up in 1 90-min. span in WA; 'just chaotic,' says fire chief  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/wildfire-burns-dozens-of-homes-in-wash-state-as-blazes-rage-across-windy-parched-west/2012/08/15/8393692a-e695-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/wildfire-burns-dozens-of-homes-in-wash-state-as-blazes-rage-across-windy-parched-west/2012/08/15/8393692a-e695-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285_story.html) ...

Aug 15 Hot in Canada too: newspaper describes temps 'between Satan's barbecue and the Sun's surface'  
<http://www.oshawaexpress.ca/viewposting.php?view=3363> ...

Aug 15 5700 people sought medical help after last week's Chevron fire. Amazing account in LATimes  
<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-0814-juhasz-chevron-refinery-pollution-20120814,0,5532083.story> ... @AntoniaJuhasz

Aug 15 70 large wildfires now burning across 14 western states  
<http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/15/us/western-wildfires/index.html> ...

Aug 15 "They're all dead, and my house is gone"--WA wildfire victim describing her pets, horses  
<http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/15/us/western-wildfires/index.html> ...

Aug 15 **Warmest rain ever recorded** falls on CA--115 degrees--smashing record set in Saudi in June  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=2186> ...

Aug 15 Monday's bizarre CA rain also **the lowest humidity rain has ever occurred at anywhere on Earth in recorded history**  
<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?>

entrynum=2186 ...

Aug 15 Phoenix NWS ofc describes 'almost unbearable' heat in **the hottest 2-week stretch ever**

<http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=2186> ... (heat 'breaks' to 105 today)

Aug 15 Amazing photo of AZ dust storm

<http://www.wunderground.com/wximage/viewsingleimage.html?mode=singleimage&handle=nukegm&number=281> ...

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