

## **“Mother Nature’s Fury”**

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Red lights, thousands of red lights are trying to escape. The storm of orange and red surrounds us all, forcing us out. Thousands of cars are lined up on both sides of the road trying to get to safety. While stuck in traffic the fear can't help but consume you as does the fire. You must stay away from the sides of the car due to the radiating heat which felt as though you were trapped in an oven. When looking out the window you can see the tragedy left by Mother Nature's fury. You look over to the car beside you only to watch as their windows explode, exposing the family and their pets to the direct flames as they are overtaken by the smoke and flames swerving off road trying to escape. Escape is all that there is left to do. The forest fires spread to all of the homes. The fear overtaking you with thoughts of, "Are my friends and family safe?", "Did I forget anything I needed?", "I can't believe I left that behind", and "What am I going to do now?".

It is the year 2070 in Turah, Montana. You were told that the Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service would be able to contain this forest fire. The fire was thought to be caused by a car driving through the dry brush. It is crazy how one little thing can cause such a horrific reaction. Everyone can't help but blame the driver as the cause. The fury and guilt fill the atmosphere. The devastation was placed on the drivers shoulders, making them feel all of the emotions of the people consuming them in guilt. Little did they all know that this fire was caused by a falling tree hitting metal scraps and exploding in sparks of silver and gold which grew to be the most devastating forest fire in history, forcing everyone to escape.