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West Coast wildfires

Re: “World leaders pledge climate cooperation,” (TNT, 4/23).

President Biden is to be commended for doubling our country’s commitment to pollution reduction at the virtual climate summit.

In stepping out from Donald Trump’s dark shadow, he is willing to declare US leadership in driving down global emissions.

California has had below-normal rainfall for the last two winters, and 50 of the 58 counties are declared “drought disaster areas.”

In an NPR broadcast of April 23, Cal Fire reported 1,200 wildfires since Jan. 1. Last year’s comparable number was 733. And the state went on to set a record with 4.2 million acres destroyed.

Could it be that COVID-19 will not be the only reasons we are still wearing masks this summer in Puget Sound?

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