**Background**
In the last year California has had more tornadoes than Oklahoma and Kansas combined which is odd because Kansas and Oklahoma are located in the tornado valley. In addition this past year California has had its deadliest wildfire ever recorded. March through June is prime tornado season while wildfire season occurs almost year round. This action takes place in a large rural area of flat land stretching down the center of California. Fire tornadoes can form in high temperatures with winds of high speeds.

**Plot**
The scene is set with main character Emily Swanson the daughter of Colton and Gina. They are a humble family living on a farm in the flat land outside of Chico, California. Emily gets up for school after a restless night due to the heat and gets ready for the day. As she eats breakfast with her parents the news is playing in the background. The weather report reads high temperatures as usual, but wind speeds have picked up. Emily leaves for the bus. Today is the day her school takes a trip to Whiskeytown National Park to observe the effects of the drought. Emily and her classmates walk through the trails noticing the deadness of some of the trees and the dryness of the soil. The class splits up into groups to make their own observations, about 20 minutes later near time to regroup, tornado sirens begin to go off. The group of 7th graders are alarmed and panic immediately searching for their teacher. Emily and her two best friends argue about which direction the came from and in the heat of the moment they notice the smoke in the air. Out of panic Emily runs in what she believes is the direction to the meeting spot and her bestfriends run to the bus. Emily is panicking, she can’t remember her way or if she even went the right way to begin with and becomes horrified at the sight she sees in the distance. Not only are the trees burning and she cannot find her group or anyone with authority for that matter, but she also sees a fire tornado in the distance. Meanwhile at home her parents have received a call from her teacher that Emily is missing and although authorities are searching for her the school bus must leave to get the other kids to safety. Her parents are shocked at the news but without hesitation grab the keys and prepare for the thirty minute drive to Whiskeytown National Park. Emily becoming fatigued and dehydrated from the heat and running, she begins to stumble. Falling to her knees she notices the flakes of ash in her dark brown hair. She begins to weep, wondering if her friends are okay and if she will ever find her way. She gains some strength and keeps running, but the area is getting hotter from the spreading of fire. She screams for help but hears nobody, and no longer in the distance the fire tornado is not far. The debris is being picked up and branches around her are breaking. Ash and flakes of burning tree fall scorching her skin. The scene turns the focus back to her parents who have arrived but officials tell them they can’t enter but the parents are far too worried about their daughter than their own safety and push their way past. Calling out for Emily in desperation but hear no response they find her.
backpack as they run through the park. They call louder and louder noticing the acres of land that have already caught fire around them. They run catching sight of one of the officials. The man attempts to speak but the smoke in his lungs make it hard for him to get a word out. The mother in distraught is trying to help the man and tells her husband to look for Emily while she aides the man and takes him back to the car. The father can hear his daughter calling in distress and runs in that direction, as soon as he catches sight of Emily a tree falls separating the two. Emily’s father tells her that she is going to have to jump over the burning tree but she is afraid. Less than 60 feet behind Emily is the fire twister spinning aimlessly in her direction. She decides her fate by choosing to jump over the burning tree but a branch catches her foot and she trips, breaking her arm and burning her leg. Her father hoists her up over his shoulder and runs. Colton spots his wife struggling to get the man to safety, the man is nearly unconscious. The family doesn’t have time to spare and unfortunately has to leave him behind. The movie ends with the mother and daughter in the back seat still in distraught but there is a presence of relief. Overall, the movie leaves one casualty.

**Casted Characters**

Sandra Bullock plays Gina Swanson (mom)

Gerard Butler plays Colton Swanson (dad)

Scarlett Estevez plays Emily