

Top 20 Largest California Wildfires

FIRE NAME (CAUSE)		DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1	MENDOCINO COMPLEX <i>(Under Investigation)</i>	July 2018	Colusa County, Lake County, Mendocino County & Glenn County	459,123	280	1
2	THOMAS <i>(Powerlines)</i>	December 2017	Ventura & Santa Barbara	281,893	1,063	2
3	CEDAR <i>(Human Related)</i>	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
4	RUSH <i>(Lightning)</i>	August 2012	Lassen	271,911 CA / 43,666 NV	0	0
5	RIM <i>(Human Related)</i>	August 2013	Tuolumne	257,314	112	0
6	ZACA <i>(Human Related)</i>	July 2007	Santa Barbara	240,207	1	0
7	CARR <i>(Human Related)</i>	July 2018	Shasta County, Trinity County	229,651	1,614	8
8	MATILIJA <i>(Undetermined)</i>	September 1932	Ventura	220,000	0	0
9	WITCH <i>(Powerlines)</i>	October 2007	San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
10	KLAMATH THEATER COMPLEX <i>(Lightning)</i>	June 2008	Siskiyou	192,038	0	2
11	MARBLE CONE <i>(Lightning)</i>	July 1977	Monterey	177,866	0	0
12	LAGUNA (POWERLINES)	September 1970	San Diego	175,425	382	5
13	BASIN COMPLEX <i>(Lightning)</i>	June 2008	Monterey	162,818	58	0
14	DAY FIRE <i>(Human Related)</i>	September 2006	Ventura	162,702	11	0
15	STATION <i>(Human Related)</i>	August 2009	Los Angeles	160,557	209	2
16	CAMP FIRE <i>(Under Investigation)</i>	November 2018	Butte	153,336	18,804	85
17	ROUGH <i>(Lightning)</i>	July 2015	Fresno	151,623	4	0
18	McNALLY <i>(Human Related)</i>	July 2002	Tulare	150,696	17	0
19	STANISLAUS COMPLEX <i>(Lightning)</i>	August 1987	Tuolumne	145,980	28	1
20	BIG BAR COMPLEX <i>(Lightning)</i>	August 1999	Trinity	140,948	0	0

*There is no doubt that there were fires with significant acreage burned in years prior to 1932, but those records are less reliable, and this list is meant to give an overview of the large fires in more recent times.

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Top 20 Most Destructive California Wildfires

FIRE NAME (CAUSE)	DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1 CAMP FIRE (<i>Under Investigation</i>)	November 2018	Butte County	153,336	18,804	85
2 TUBBS (<i>Electrical</i>)	October 2017	Napa & Sonoma	36,807	5,636	22
3 TUNNEL - Oakland Hills (<i>Rekindle</i>)	October 1991	Alameda	1,600	2,900	25
4 CEDAR (<i>Human Related</i>)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
5 VALLEY (<i>Electrical</i>)	September 2015	Lake, Napa & Sonoma	76,067	1,955	4
6 WITCH (<i>Powerlines</i>)	October 2007	San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
7 WOOLSEY (<i>Under Investigation</i>)	November 2018	Ventura	96,949	1,643	3
8 CARR (<i>Human Related</i>)	July 2018	Shasta County, Trinity County	229,651	1,614	8
9 NUNS (<i>Powerline</i>)	October 2017	Sonoma	54,382	1,355	3
10 THOMAS (<i>Powerline</i>)	December 2017	Ventura & Santa Barbara	281,893	1,063	2
11 OLD (<i>Human Related</i>)	October 2003	San Bernardino	91,281	1,003	6
12 JONES (<i>Undetermined</i>)	October 1999	Shasta	26,200	954	1
13 BUTTE (<i>Powerlines</i>)	September 2015	Amador & Calaveras	70,868	921	2
14 ATLAS (<i>Powerline</i>)	October 2017	Napa & Solano	51,624	783	6
15 PAINT (<i>Arson</i>)	June 1990	Santa Barbara	4,900	641	1
16 FOUNTAIN (<i>Arson</i>)	August 1992	Shasta	63,960	636	0
17 SAYRE (<i>Misc.</i>)	November 2008	Los Angeles	11,262	604	0
18 CITY OF BERKELEY (<i>Powerlines</i>)	September 1923	Alameda	130	584	0
19 HARRIS (<i>Undetermined</i>)	October 2007	San Diego	90,440	548	8
20 REDWOOD VALLEY (<i>Powerline</i>)	October 2017	Mendocino	36,523	546	9

***Structures" include homes, outbuildings (barns, garages, sheds, etc) and commercial properties destroyed.

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