

# Top 20 Largest California Wildfires

<b>FIRE NAME (CAUSE)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>STRUCTURES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
<b>1 CEDAR (Human Related)</b>	October 2003	San Diego	<b>273,246</b>	2,820	15
<b>2 RUSH (Lightning)</b>	August 2012	Lassen	<b>271,911 CA / 43,666 NV</b>	0	0
<b>3 RIM (Human Related)</b>	August 2013	Tuolumne	<b>257,314</b>	112	0
<b>4 ZACA (Human Related)</b>	July 2007	Santa Barbara	<b>240,207</b>	1	0
<b>5 MATILJA (Undetermined)</b>	September 1932	Ventura	<b>220,000</b>	0	0
<b>6 WITCH (Powerlines)</b>	October 2007	San Diego	<b>197,990</b>	1,650	2
<b>7 KLAMATH THEATER COMPLEX (Lightning)</b>	June 2008	Siskiyou	<b>192,038</b>	0	2
<b>8 MARBLE CONE (Lightning)</b>	July 1977	Monterey	<b>177,866</b>	0	0
<b>9 LAGUNA (POWERLINES)</b>	September 1970	San Diego	<b>175,425</b>	382	5
<b>10 BASIN COMPLEX (Lightning)</b>	June 2008	Monterey	<b>162,818</b>	58	0
<b>11 DAY FIRE (Human Related)</b>	September 2006	Ventura	<b>162,702</b>	11	0
<b>12 STATION FIRE (Human Related)</b>	August 2009	Los Angeles	<b>160,557</b>	209	2
<b>13 ROUGH (Lightning)</b>	July 2015	Fresno	<b>151,623</b>	4	0
<b>14 McNALLY (Human Related)</b>	July 2002	Tulare	<b>150,696</b>	17	0
<b>15 STANISLAUS COMPLEX (Lightning)</b>	August 1987	Tuolumne	<b>145,980</b>	28	1
<b>16 BIG BAR COMPLEX (Lightning)</b>	August 1999	Trinity	<b>140,948</b>	0	0
<b>17 HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX (Lightning)</b>	August 2014	Siskiyou	<b>134,056</b>	6	0
<b>18 SOBERANES (Illegal Campfire)</b>	July 2016	Monterey	<b>132,127</b>	68	1
<b>19 CAMPBELL COMPLEX (Powerlines)</b>	August 1990	Tehama	<b>125,892</b>	27	0
<b>20 WHEELER (Arson)</b>	July 1985	Ventura	<b>118,000</b>	26	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.

\*\*This list does not include fire jurisdiction. These are the Top 20 regardless of whether they were state, federal, or local responsibility.

