

Top 20 Largest California Wildfires

| FIRE NAME (CAUSE) | DATE | COUNTY | ACRES | STRUCTURES | DEATHS |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------|
| 1 THOMAS (<i>Under Investigation</i>) | December 2017 | Ventura & Santa Barbara | 281,893 | 1,063 | 1 |
| 2 CEDAR (<i>Human Related</i>) | October 2003 | San Diego | 273,246 | 2,820 | 15 |
| 3 RUSH (<i>Lightning</i>) | August 2012 | Lassen | 271,911 CA / 43,666 NV | 0 | 0 |
| 4 RIM (<i>Human Related</i>) | August 2013 | Tuolumne | 257,314 | 112 | 0 |
| 5 ZACA (<i>Human Related</i>) | July 2007 | Santa Barbara | 240,207 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 MATILIJA (<i>Undetermined</i>) | September 1932 | Ventura | 220,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 WITCH (<i>Powerlines</i>) | October 2007 | San Diego | 197,990 | 1,650 | 2 |
| 8 KLAMATH THEATER COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>) | June 2008 | Siskiyou | 192,038 | 0 | 2 |
| 9 MARBLE CONE (<i>Lightning</i>) | July 1977 | Monterey | 177,866 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 LAGUNA (POWERLINES) | September 1970 | San Diego | 175,425 | 382 | 5 |
| 11 BASIN COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>) | June 2008 | Monterey | 162,818 | 58 | 0 |
| 12 DAY FIRE (<i>Human Related</i>) | September 2006 | Ventura | 162,702 | 11 | 0 |
| 13 STATION (<i>Human Related</i>) | August 2009 | Los Angeles | 160,557 | 209 | 2 |
| 14 ROUGH (<i>Lightning</i>) | July 2015 | Fresno | 151,623 | 4 | 0 |
| 15 McNALLY (<i>Human Related</i>) | July 2002 | Tulare | 150,696 | 17 | 0 |
| 16 STANISLAUS COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>) | August 1987 | Tuolumne | 145,980 | 28 | 1 |
| 17 BIG BAR COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>) | August 1999 | Trinity | 140,948 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 HAPPY CAMP COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>) | August 2014 | Siskiyou | 134,056 | 6 | 0 |
| 19 SOBERANES (<i>Illegal Campfire</i>) | July 2016 | Monterey | 132,127 | 68 | 1 |
| 20 CAMPBELL COMPLEX (<i>Powerlines</i>) | August 1990 | Tehama | 125,892 | 27 | 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.



1/12/2018