

## 2015 STATEWIDE FIRE SUMMARY

During 2015, wildfire firefighting agencies responded to 8,283 fires that burned 880,899 acres. For wildfire agencies, this represents a 15% increase in the number of fires and a 41% increase in acres burned from 2014. CAL FIRE, through State funded and local government contracts, reported 5,787 wildfire incidents that burned 297,419 acres, which represents a 16% increase in fires and a 76% increase in acres burned from 2014.

**Table 1. Protection Areas by Wildfire Agency—Fires and Acres**

<b>Direct Protection Area</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Acres Burned</b>
CAL FIRE – (State Responsibility)	3,231	291,282
CAL FIRE – (Local Government Contracts)	2,556	6,137
Contract Counties	312	6,365
United States Forest Service	1,656	537,446
Bureau of Land Management	97	18,058
National Park Service	126	9,834
Bureau of Indian Affairs	178	360
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	12	23
Military	115	11,394
<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>8,283</b>	<b>880,899</b>
<b>5 Year Average (2011-2015) All Agencies</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>633,180</b>
<b>5 Year Average CAL FIRE (2011-2015) Includes Local Govt. Contracts</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>156,406</b>

Federal agencies provide their fire statistics as a courtesy to CAL FIRE.

**Table 2. The Top Five Fires for 2015 by Acreage Burned**

<b>Fire Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Acres Burned</b>	<b>Fire Cause</b>	<b>Structures Destroyed</b>
<b>Rough</b>	Fresno	07/31/15	151,623	Lightning	4
<b>River Complex</b>	Trinity	07/30/15	77,081	Lightning	0
<b>Valley</b>	Lake	09/12/15	76,067	Electrical Power	1,958
<b>Butte</b>	Amador	09/09/15	70,868	Electrical Power	965
<b>Rocky</b>	Lake	07/29/15	69,636	Equipment	96

Source: Redbook, Table 6, Large Fires 300 Acres and Greater - Other Agencies Direct Protection Areas.