

Top 20 Most Destructive California Wildfires

FIRE NAME (CAUSE)	DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1 CAMP (<i>Powerlines</i>)	November 2018	Butte	153,336	18,804	85
2 TUBBS (<i>Electrical</i>)	October 2017	Napa & Sonoma	36,807	5,636	22
3 PALISADES (<i>Under Investigation</i>)*	January 2025	Los Angeles	20,438	5,316	3
4 EATON (<i>Under Investigation</i>)*	January 2025	Los Angeles	13,690	5,000+	2
5 TUNNEL - Oakland Hills (<i>Rekindle</i>)	October 1991	Alameda	1,600	2,900	25
6 CEDAR (<i>Human Related</i>)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
7 NORTH COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>)	August, 2020	Butte, Plumas, & Yuba	318,935	2,352	15
8 VALLEY (<i>Electrical</i>)	September 2015	Lake, Napa & Sonoma	76,067	1,955	4
9 WITCH (<i>Powerlines</i>)	October 2007	San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
10 WOOLSEY (<i>Electrical</i>)	November 2018	Ventura	96,949	1,643	3
11 CARR (<i>Human Related</i>)	July 2018	Shasta County, Trinity	229,651	1,614	8
12 GLASS (<i>Undetermined</i>)	September 2020	Napa & Sonoma	67,484	1,520	0
13 LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (<i>Lightning/Arson</i>)	August 2020	Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo, Lake, & Colusa	363,220	1,491	6
14 CZU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (<i>Lightning</i>)	August 2020	Santa Cruz, San Mateo	86,509	1,490	1
15 NUNS (<i>Powerline</i>)	October 2017	Sonoma	54,382	1,355	3
16 DIXIE (<i>Powerline</i>)	July 2021	Butte, Plumas, Lassen, & Tehama	963,309	1,311	1
17 THOMAS (<i>Powerline</i>)	December 2017	Ventura & Santa Barbara	281,893	1,063	2
18 CALDOR (<i>Under Investigation</i>)	September 2021	Alpine, Amador, & El Dorado	221,774	1,003	1
19 OLD (<i>Human Related</i>)	October 2003	San Bernardino	91,281	1,003	6
20 JONES (<i>Undetermined</i>)	October 1999	Shasta	26,200	954	1

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

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

***Numbers not final *DINS Disclaimer: These numbers are preliminary based on aerial assessments dedicating heat sources which can include chicken coops, outbuildings, sheds, water containers, 5th wheel, etc. *Validated inspections are currently being ground-verified by Damage Assessment Teams.**



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