

Top 20 Most Damaging California Wildfires

	FIRE NAME (CAUSE)	DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1	TUNNEL - Oakland Hills (<i>Rekindle</i>)	October 1991	Alameda	1,600	2,900	25
2	CEDAR (<i>Human Related</i>)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
3	WITCH (<i>Powerlines</i>)	October 2007	San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
4	OLD (<i>Human Related</i>)	October 2003	San Bernardino	91,281	1,003	6
5	JONES (<i>Undetermined</i>)	October 1999	Shasta	26,200	954	1
6	PAINT (<i>Arson</i>)	June 1990	Santa Barbara	4,900	641	1
7	FOUNTAIN (<i>Arson</i>)	August 1992	Shasta	63,960	636	0
8	SAYRE (<i>Misc.</i>)	November 2008	Los Angeles	11,262	604	0
9	VALLEY*** (<i>Under Investigation</i>)	September 2015	Lake, Napa & Sonoma	67,200	603***	1
10	CITY OF BERKELEY (<i>Powerlines</i>)	September 1923	Alameda	130	584	0
11	HARRIS (<i>Under Investigation</i>)	October 2007	San Diego	90,440	548	8
12	BEL AIR (<i>Undetermined</i>)	November 1961	Los Angeles	6,090	484	0
13	LAGUNA (<i>Arson</i>)	October 1993	Orange	14,437	441	0
14	BUTTE* (<i>Under Investigation</i>)	September 2015	Amador & Calaveras	71,780	408***	0
15	LAGUNA (<i>Powerlines</i>)	September 1970	San Diego	175,425	382	5
16	HUMBOLDT (<i>Arson</i>)	June 2008	Butte	23,344	351	0
17	PANORAMA (<i>Arson</i>)	November 1980	San Bernardino	23,600	325	4
18	TOPANGA (<i>Arson</i>)	November 1993	Los Angeles	18,000	323	3
19	49ER (<i>Illegal Debris Burning</i>)	September 1988	Nevada	33,700	312	0
20	ANGORA (<i>Human Related</i>)	June 2007	El Dorado	3,100	309	0

***Information from the Butte Fire and Valley Fire will likely change until the fire is contained and the full damage assesment is complete. The Valley Fire is likely to increase by several hundred.

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

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



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