Top 20 Largest California Wildfires

	FIRE NAME (CAUSE)	DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1	AUGUST COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2020	Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, Tehama, Glenn, Lake, & Colusa	1,032,648	935	1
2	DIXIE (Powerlines)	July 2021	Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta & Tehama	963,309	1,329	1
3	MENDOCINO COMPLEX (Human Related)	July 2018	Colusa, Lake, Mendocino & Glenn	459,123	280	1
4	SCU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2020	Stanislaus, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, & San Joaquin	396,624	222	0
5	CREEK (Undetermined)	September 2020	Fresno & Madera	379,895	853	0
6	LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (Lightning/Arson)	August 2020	Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo, Lake, & Colusa	363,220	1,491	6
7	NORTH COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2020	Butte, Plumas & Yuba	318,935	2,352	15
8	THOMAS (Powerlines)	December 2017	Ventura & Santa Barbara	281,893	1,063	2
9	CEDAR (Human Related)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
10	RUSH (Lightning)	August 2012	Lassen	271,911 CA / 43,666 NV	0	0
11	RIM (Human Related)	August 2013	Tuolumne	257,314	112	0
12	ZACA (Human Related)	July 2007	Santa Barbara	240,207	1	0
13	CARR (Human Related)	July 2018	Shasta County & Trinity	229,651	1,614	8
14	MONUMENT (Lightning)	July 2021	Trinity	223,124	50	0
15	CALDOR (Human Releated)	August 2021	Alpine, Amador, & El Dorado	221,835	1,003	1
16	MATILIJA (Undetermined)	September 1932	Ventura	220,000	0	0
17	RIVER COMPLEX (Lightning)	July 2021	Siskiyou & Trinity	199,343	122	0
18	WITCH (Powerlines)	October 2007	San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
19	KLAMATH THEATER COMPLEX (Lightning)	June 2008	Siskiyou	192,038	0	2
20	MARBLE CONE (Lightning)	July 1977	Monterey	177,866	0	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.

*Numbers not final.

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