



FIRE SEASON UPDATE 2022
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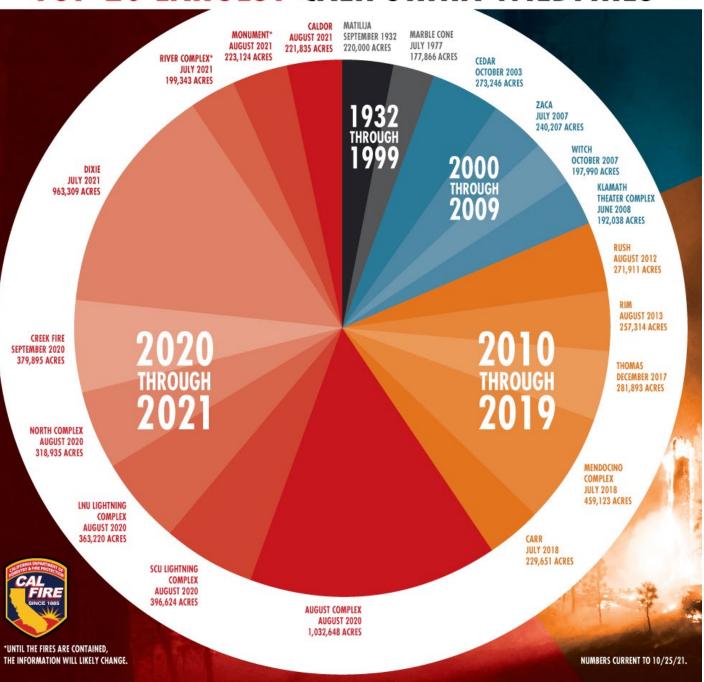


2021 Fire Season Review - Statewide



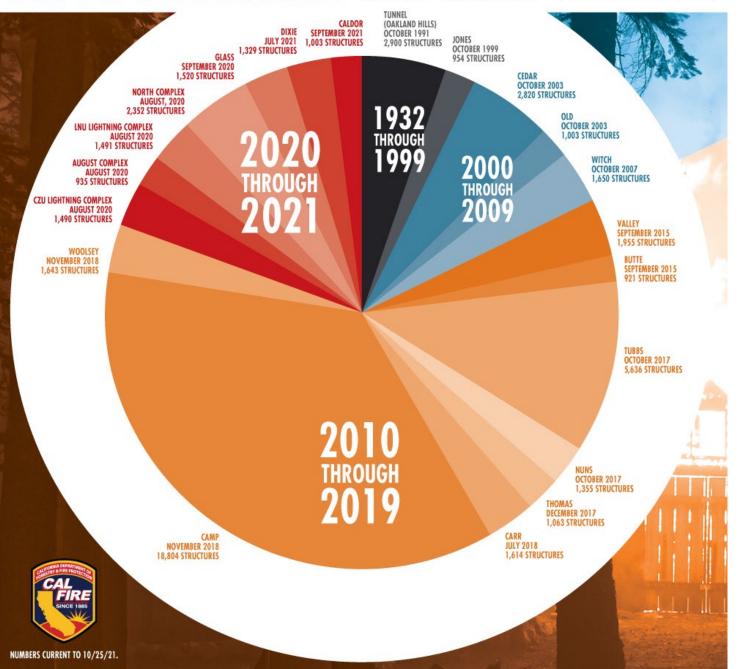
- 8,306 wildland fires occurred in 2021
- **2,495,886** acres were burned in 2021
- 3,626 Structures were destroyed
- 17,178,000 gallons of retardant dropped
- 121 arsonists were arrested by CAL
 FIRE
- \$1.13 Billion expended by CAL FIRE for suppression of these fires

TOP 20 LARGEST CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES



- ▶ **SRA:** 33 million acres private land ownerships in unincorporated areas
- FRA: Public Lands managed by Federal Land Management Agencies
- LRA: Local Municipalities, typically incorporated
- CAL FIRE mission of full suppression and aggressive initial attack on <u>all fires in SRA</u> or threatened private lands

TOP 20 DESTRUCTIVE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES



- Protection of Life andProperty always take priority
- CAL FIRE mission is to contain
 95% of new wildland fires at
 10 acres or less
- Nevada and Placer Counties have some of the highest numbers of habitable structures within the SRA in the State
- CAL FIRE Fuel Reduction efforts center around the protection of communities and life safety

2021 Fire Season Review - NEU



- 361 wildland Fires in Unit
- ▶ 4,876 Acres Burned across Unit
- 5 yr average is 4,265 Acres
- Over 210 Structures and outbuildings destroyed across Unit
- Multiple arson investigations ongoing across Unit

Grass Valley ECC Review - 2021



- Grass Valley ECC dispatched over 39,000 9-11 calls in 2021. This generated over 67,000 responses
- Average of 98 9-11 calls per day
- The GVECC dispatches for more than 30 fire and EMS agencies across the region
- Statewide, CAL FIRE dispatches and responds to over 600,000 calls for service annually

2022 Fire Season Update YTD



STATEWIDE STATISTICS YTD

- 325,546 incidents responded to by CAL FIRE in 2022 YTD
- 4,667 wildland fires YTD in 2022
- **28,845** acres burned YTD in 2022

2022 Fire Season Update YTD



LOCAL STATISTICS YTD

- 21,502 incidents responded to in NEU YTD
- **282** wildland fires in NEU YTD in 2022
- 1,627 acres burned in NEU YTD in 2022
- 27 Structures destroyed across NEU

Grant Funding for 2022 - NEU



- Phase 2 of the NFASFB
- Phase 2 of the Ponderosa West DZ
- \$1 Million in Direct Funding to mitigate storm damage in Nevada County
- Fire Prevention Grants in Placer, Nevada, and Yuba Counties totaling almost \$8 Million

Operational Update for August 2022 in NEU



- Peak and augmentation Staffing across all SRA
 - 22 Frontline Engines
 - 4 Hand Crews
 - 4 Dozers
 - 430 personnel
- Type II Helicopter at Auburn HQ
- Type I Helicopter at Truckee Airport
- National Guard Hand Crews funded permanently July 1 in Unit
- Heavy Equipment Augmentation

Priorities for 2022 - NEU



- Evacuation Planning efforts and mapping
- Ignition Management Plans and Unit Strategic Fire Plan priorities
- Work on solutions for deterioration of Inmate Firefighting Crew Program

Priorities for 2022 - NEU



- Continue to work with Leadership from Nevada County BOS
- Relationships with Allied Fire and LE Agencies
- Remain vigilant in our commitment to aggressive initial attack, care for our employees, and service to our communities

Thank you for your Support!



