



Forest Fire California



Affected Areas

California, Santa Barbara and San Luis

Duration

August 1st – 5th 2025 (Status Active)

Hazard Types

Wild Fire

Hazard Summary

As of early August 2025, California's biggest active wildfire is the Gifford Fire, burning over 72,000 acres across Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties with just 3% containment. Hot, dry weather is worsening conditions, and the fire threatens 460 structures, prompting highway closures and air quality alerts impacting Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern counties. Over 1,000 firefighters are battling the blaze in rugged terrain. Meanwhile, the smaller Lake Fire in Lake County has burned around 401 acres and is 50% contained, with most evacuation warnings lifted.