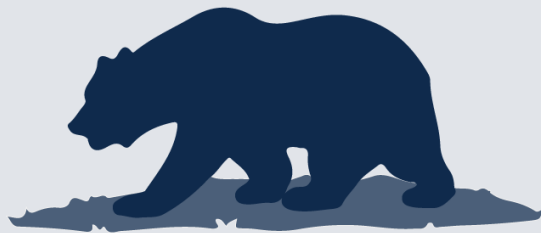


Wildfire Prevention and Forest Resiliency



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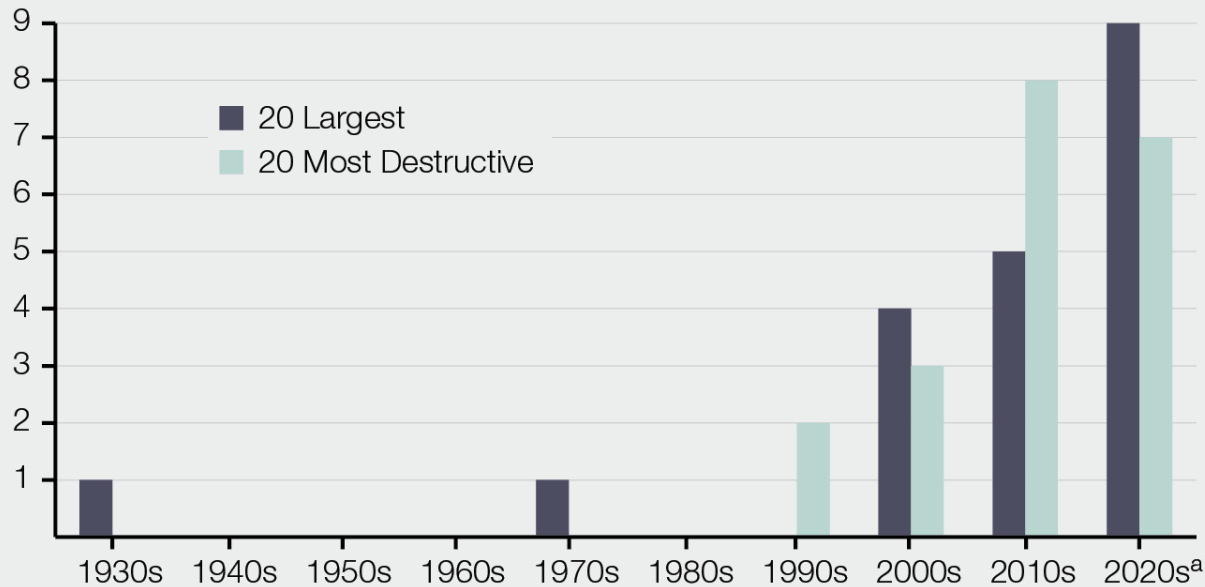
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^a Includes wildfires that occurred in 2020 and 2021 (through November).

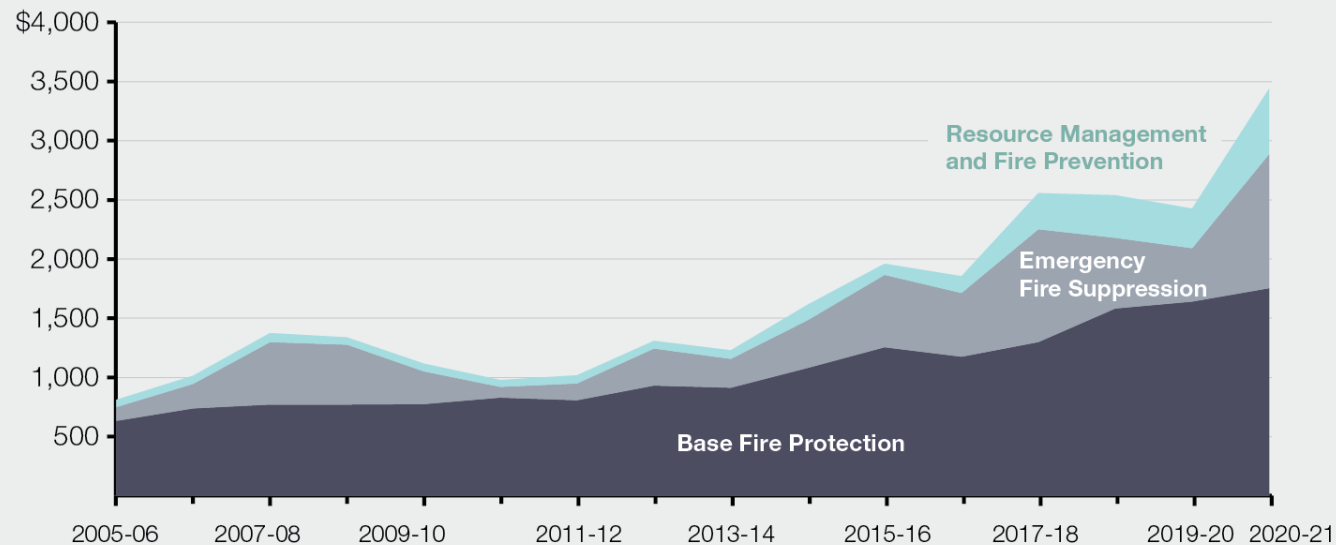
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Largest and Most Damaging Wildfires Since 2000



State Spending on CalFire Has Grown

(In Millions)



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Early Action Package Provided Funding for Wildfire Resilience

- ***Provided \$536 Million for Various Wildfire Resilience Programs.*** In April 2021, the Governor signed SB 85, which amended the *2020-21 Budget Act*.
- ***Most Funding Provided From General Fund.*** Of the total, \$411 million was from the General Fund, and \$125 million was from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). This brought 2020-21 GGRF spending on wildfire resilience to \$200 million, consistent with Chapter 626 of 2018 (SB 901, Dodd).
- ***Early Action Intended to Provide Immediate Funding in Advance of Fire Season.*** The early action package was intended to enable departments to start work immediately on projects rather than waiting until the passage of the 2021-22 budget.

2021-22 Budget Provided Additional Funding for Wildfire Resilience

- ***Provided \$988 Million for Various Programs, Mostly From General Fund.*** Of the total, \$758 million was from the General Fund, and \$230 million was from GGRF.
- ***Continuously Appropriates GGRF.*** The budget package included language continuously appropriating \$200 million from GGRF annually for forest health and wildfire prevention from 2022–23 through 2028-29.
- ***Included Reporting Language.*** The budget package also requires the administration to report information annually on wildfire and forest resilience programs funded in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 budgets.

Wildfire Resilience Packages

Appropriations and Commitments, by Category

(Commitments of December 2, 2021; Dollars in Millions)

Program Category	Early Action for 2020-21		2021-22 Budget	
	Appropriated	Percent Committed	Appropriated	Percent Committed
Resilient Forests and Landscapes	\$283	93%	\$541	5%
Wildfire Fuel Breaks	198	97	296	9
Community Hardening	27	19	20	—
Forest Sector Economic Stimulus	25	12	51	—
Science-Based Management	3	100	79	21
Total	\$536	87%	\$988	7%

Wildfire Resilience Packages

Appropriations and Commitments, by Program

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Program	Entities	Early Action for 2020-21		2021-22 Budget	
		Appropriated	Percent Committed	Appropriated	Percent Committed
Resilient Forests and Landscapes		\$283	93%	\$541	5%
Forest Health Program	CalFire	\$155	100%	\$159	—
Project implementation	Conservancies	69	95	139	6%
Stewardship of state-owned land	Parks, CDFW	30	100	145	11
Forest Improvement Program	CalFire	10	80	40	—
Urban forestry	CalFire	10	—	20	—
Tribal engagement	CalFire	1	—	19	—
Forest Legacy Program	CalFire	6	100	10	—
Reforestation nursery	CalFire	2	—	9	—
Wildfire Fuel Breaks		\$198	97%	\$296	9%
Fire prevention grants	CalFire	\$123	100%	\$120	—
Regional Forest and Fire Capacity	DOC	50	90	60	—
Prescribed fire and hand crews	CalFire	15	100	35	—
CalFire unit fire prevention projects	CalFire	10	100	40	—
Forestry Corps and residential centers	CCC	—	N/A	27	99%
Contract counties	CalFire	—	N/A	14	—

Wildfire Resilience Packages

Appropriations and Commitments, by Program

Continued...

(Commitments as of December 2, 2021; Dollars in Millions)

Program	Entities	Early Action for 2020-21		2021-22 Budget	
		Appropriated	Percent Committed	Appropriated	Percent Committed
Community Hardening		\$27	19%	\$20	—
Home hardening	CalOES, CalFire	\$25	12%	—	N/A
Defensible space inspectors	CalFire	2	100	\$13	—
Land use planning & public education	UC ANR, CalFire	—	N/A	7	—
Forest Sector Economic Stimulus		\$25	12%	\$51	—
Climate Catalyst Fund & market strategy	Ibank, Go-Biz	\$16	—	\$33	—
Workforce development	CalFire, CWDB	6	—	18	—
Market development	OPR	3	100%	—	N/A
Science-Based Management		\$3	100%	\$79	21%
Monitoring, research, and management	CalFire	\$3	100%	\$20	82%
Remote sensing	CNRA	—	N/A	25	—
Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot	CalFire	—	N/A	20	—
Interagency data hub	CalFire	—	N/A	10	—
Permit efficiencies	CARB, SWRCB	—	N/A	4	—
Totals		\$536	87%	\$988	7%