

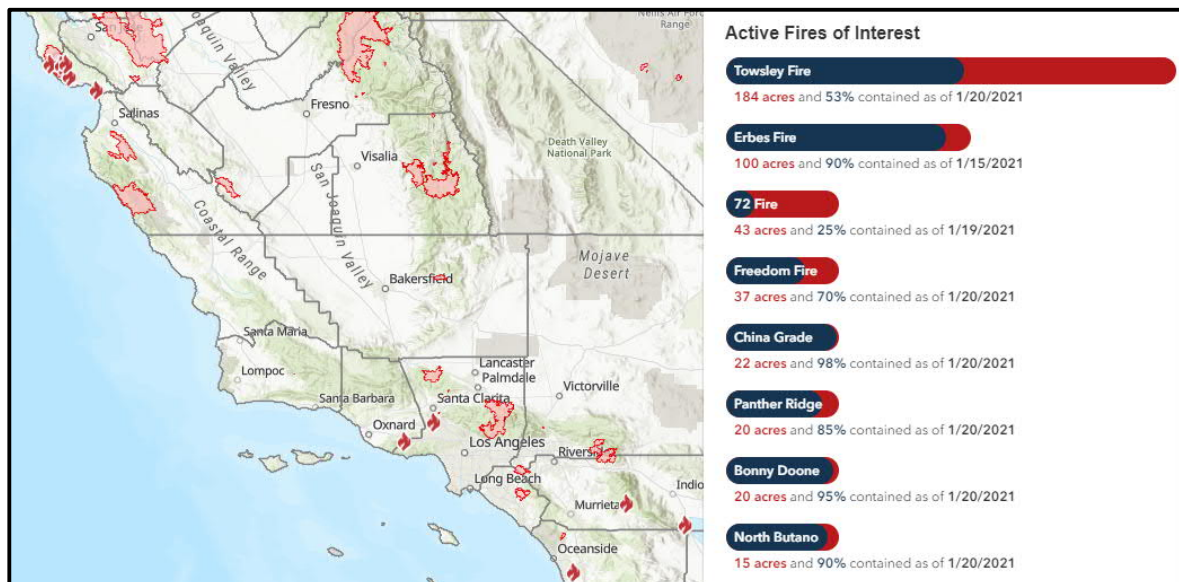
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 21, 2021

Wildfire Activity California

- Several small wildfires that erupted around California's Santa Cruz Mountains on Tuesday were likely started by wind that fanned embers smoldering underground for months after a huge fire outbreak in the same region last year.
- There is a "strong possibility" the wind helped rekindle hot spots within the boundaries of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire, which burned in August and September, according to Cecile Juliette, a spokesperson for Cal Fire CZU, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection unit that covers Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties.
- A thick layer of soil called "duff," made up of decaying plant material, covers much of the area, Juliette told weather.com in a phone call Wednesday.
- The ground beneath areas where a previous fire has burned into a tree or its root system can remain hot for months.
- Cal Fire CZU responded to at least 18 fires in less than 24 hours as winds with gusts up to 63 mph whipped through the region's canyons and valleys on Monday and Tuesday.
- Most of those blazes were small and were largely contained by Wednesday afternoon. Among them were the 37-acre Freedom Fire, the 20-acre Panther Ridge Fire, and the 15-acre North Butano Fire.
- By the end of the week, a storm more typical of winter is projected to arrive in California, spreading rain and mountain snow over the state. This does not appear to be a significant storm, but the moisture will help emergency crews contain any fires that may still be burning following the spell of windy weather.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
AK	Storm, Flooding & Landslides Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2020	10	0	1/19-TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 1/21/2021

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
WA	Wildfires & Straight-Line Winds Sept 6 & continuing	9/16/2020	Pending	1 County

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4559 LA	Hurricane	21 Parishes	142	11/27/2020

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