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Wildfire Activity Southern California

- Southern California is under siege as a terrifying inferno, fueled by the wrath of hurricane-force winds, threatens to consume everything in its path.
- State authorities have yet to fully assess the carnage, but harrowing images emerging from the hardest-hit areas around Los Angeles.
- Dozens, if not hundreds, of homes lie in ruins, consumed by the relentless advance of three monstrous blazes – the Palisades, Eaton and Hurst fires.
- More than 30,000 residents around the area have been forced to flee their homes in a desperate exodus amid destruction that stretches for miles.
- President Joe Biden was in Southern California at the time of the fire, received regular updates on the disaster and directed FEMA to offer any immediate assistance.
- The monstrous Palisades Fire, which ignited in the Santa Monica Mountains near the Pacific Palisades neighborhood late Tuesday morning, exploded in fury, consuming nearly 3,000 acres by Wednesday morning, according to CAL FIRE.
- The Eaton Fire is raging near Altadena and Pasadena, charring over 1,000 acres, while the Hurst Fire near San Fernando has scorched more than 500 acres.
- These raging infernos, whipped by wind gusts exceeding 100 mph, are devouring everything in their path.
- California Gov. Gavin Newsom was on the ground in the Palisades monitoring the efforts of hundreds of first responders.
- Local and state leaders declared a state of emergency due to the fire and the continued threat from damaging winds.
- More than 300,000 residents are now plunged into darkness as power outages cripple the region.
- The Palisades Fire is moving north into Malibu and parts of northern Santa Monica, impacting areas like Samisoni Boulevard and Rustic Canyon.



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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MI*	Severe Storms and Tornadoes (APPEAL) May 7	9/11/2024	Pending	4 Counties
SC	Severe Storms and Flooding	12/13/2024	Pending	2 Counties
OK	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	12/20/2024	Pending	6 Counties

*Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4798 TX	Hurricane Beryl	22 Counties	178	10/10/2024
4806 FL	Hurricane Debby	13 Counties	148	11/12/2024
4817 LA	Hurricane Francine	9 Parishes	110	11/18/2024
4819 IL	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding	4 Counties	107	12/13/2024
4827 NC	Tropical Storm Helene	25 Counties	99	2/06/2025
4828 FL	Hurricane Helene	17 Counties	100	1/07/2024
4829 SC	Hurricane Helene	13 Counties	98	1/07/2025
4830 GA	Hurricane Helene	41 Counties	98	1/07/2025
4832 TN	Tropical Storm Helene	8 Counties	96	1/07/2025
4834 FL	Hurricane Milton	34 Counties	87	1/07/2024

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