



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	April 18, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 17, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 18, 2025
Report Number	44

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 20, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the state's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant for the Pauline Road Fire in San Jacinto and Montgomery Counties. The approval of this Fire Management Assistance Grant makes Texas eligible for a 75 percent reimbursement from the federal government for costs associated with fighting the Pauline Road Fire. Fire Management Assistance Grants are available to states and local jurisdictions for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction and would constitute a major disaster.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to closely monitor fire weather conditions and has prepositioned heavy equipment, engines, and personnel—along with fixed-wing and rotor-wing aircraft.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): As of April 17, WLFS Team 14 is prepositioned in Alice to support initial attack and daily operations.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
EMTF	Wildland Support Package	6	3	Assigned	Alice
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	15	5	Assigned	Amarillo
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	15	5	Assigned	Alice
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	15	5	Assigned	Beeville
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	15	5	Assigned	Victoria
TAMFS	Out Of State (Field Operations)	108	26	Assigned	TDEM Regions 5, 6, 7
TAMFS	Firefighting Resources (Field Operations and C&G)	148	23	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 5, 6, 7
TAMFS	Aircraft		18	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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