

Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center



Situation Awareness Brief



Thursday, April 16th, 2026
As of 0900 CDT

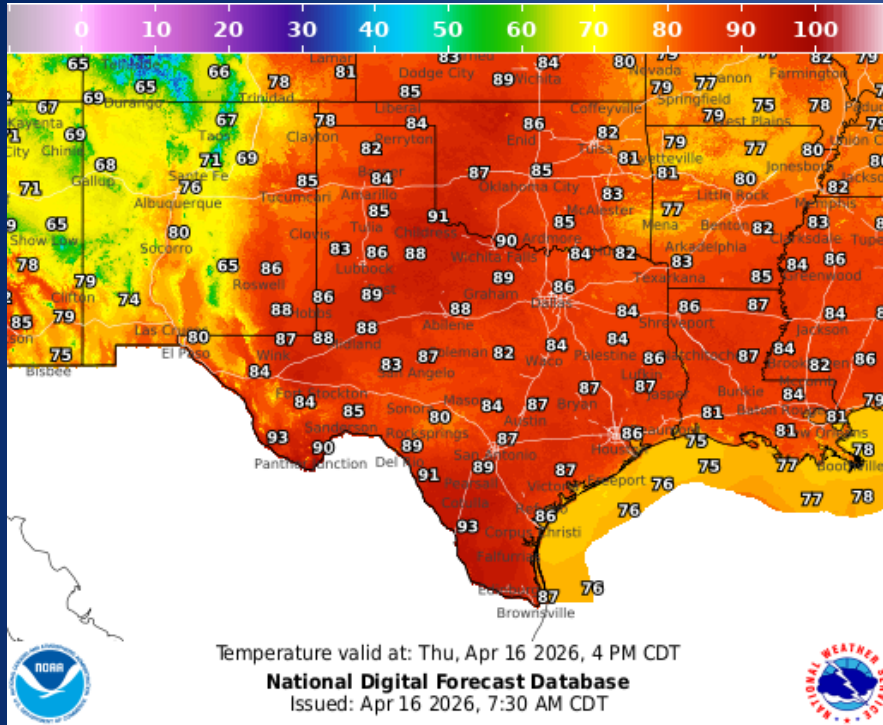
Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
04/15/26	Final Report of the Paper Wings Fire	Donley County
04/15/26	Initial and Final Report of a Train Incident	Lavaca County
04/15/26	Initial Report of a Boil Water Notice	Karnes County
04/15/26	Initial Report of a Communication Outage	Refugio County
04/15/26	Update Report of a Communication Outage	Refugio County
04/15/26	Final Report of a Communication Outage	Refugio County
04/15/26	Preliminary Earthquake Report (M3.5)	Culberson County
04/15/26	Final Report of a Boil Water Notice	Matagorda County
04/16/26	Preliminary Earthquake Report (M3.6)	Culberson County

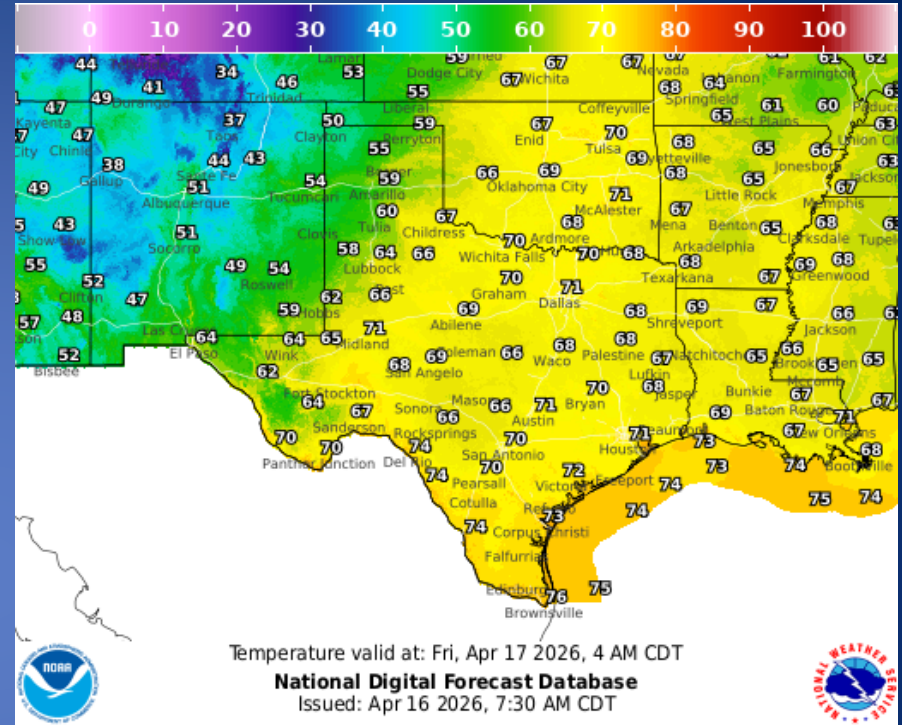
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DATE	SUBJECT
04/15/26	NWS Fort Worth: Scattered Strong to Severe Storms Today/Tonight
04/15/26	Daily Situation Report [26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026]
04/15/26	Daily Situation Report [25-0026 02Jul Severe Weather]
04/15/26	NWS Amarillo: Critical Fire Weather Briefing for April 16-17, 2026
04/16/26	Daily NWS Threat Brief
04/16/26	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: Weather Hazards Outlook

Weather Forecast

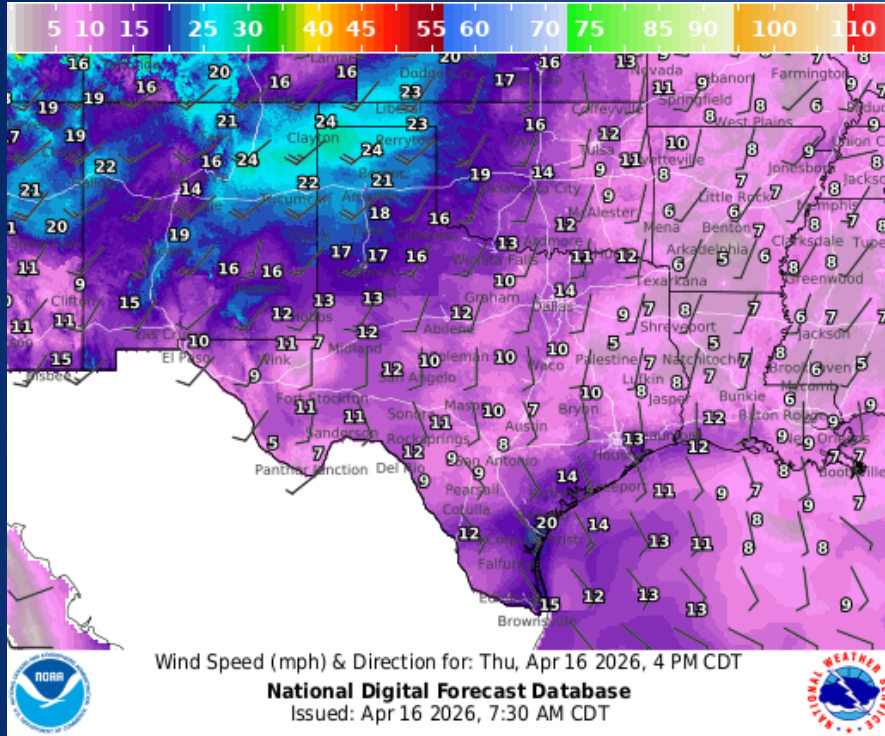


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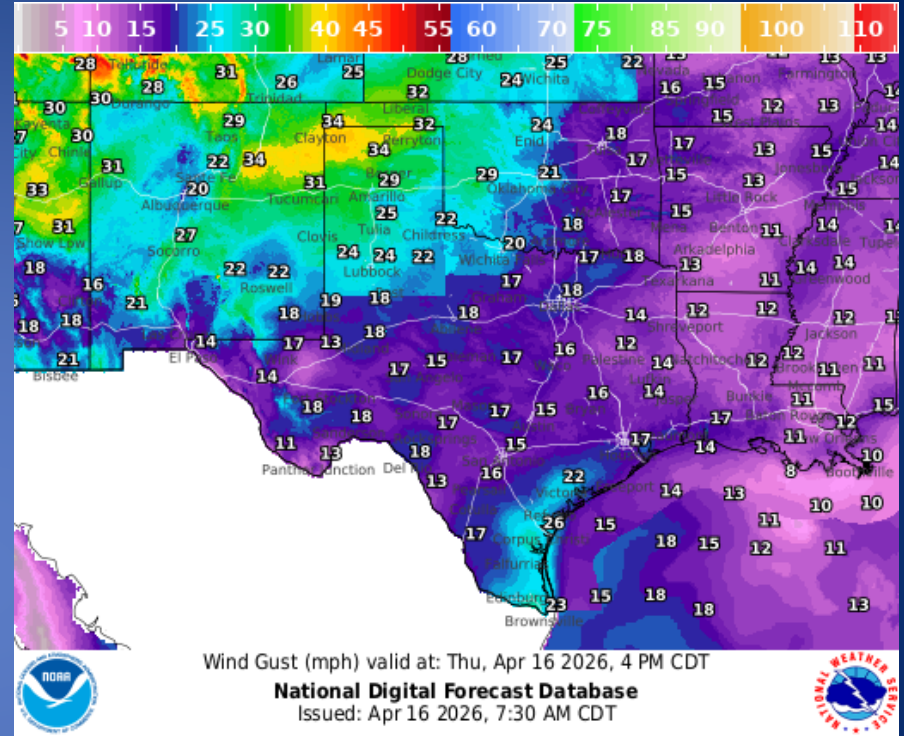


Lows

Weather Forecast



Wind Speed



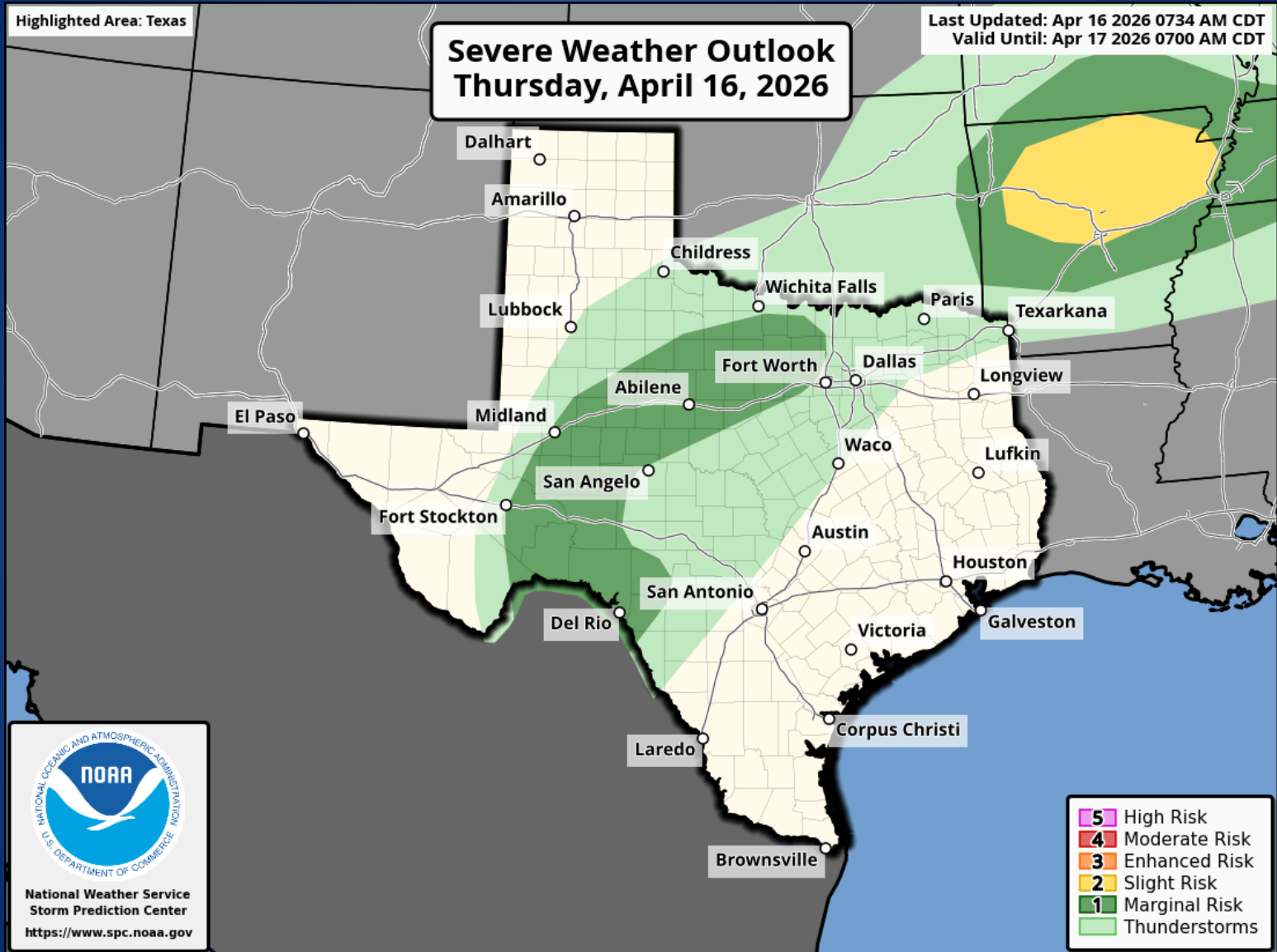
Wind Gust

Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: Texas

Severe Weather Outlook Thursday, April 16, 2026

Last Updated: Apr 16 2026 0734 AM CDT
Valid Until: Apr 17 2026 0700 AM CDT



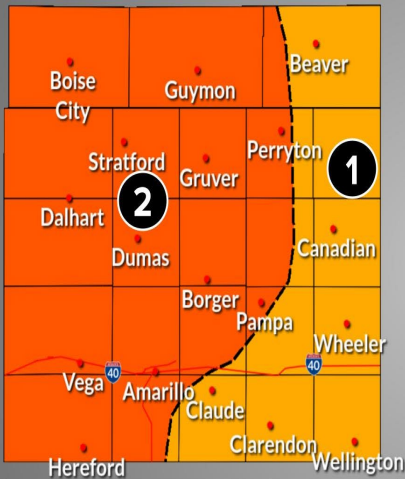
National Weather Service
Storm Prediction Center
<https://www.spc.noaa.gov>

- 5 High Risk
- 4 Moderate Risk
- 3 Enhanced Risk
- 2 Slight Risk
- 1 Marginal Risk
- Thunderstorms

Hazardous Weather

Critical Fire Weather Conditions Today

Updated:
Thu Apr 16, 2026 4:42 AM



Legend: Wildfire Threat 1 2 3



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What to Expect



Southwest wind gusting upwards of **35 to 45 mph** with **very dry conditions**



Increased potential for **wildfire starts** and fires may **spread quickly**



Timing

Critical Fire Weather:
12 PM - 9 PM
Today



Safety Info

Take extra precautions to prevent fire starts!

Contact **local law/fire officials** if you smell smoke or see fire!

Today: Red Flag Warning

Avoid activities that may cause a spark.
Check out [weather.gov](#) for more information.



In effect from noon to 8 PM CDT



Areas on the Caprock.



Southwest at
20-25 mph

WINDS



Gusts up to
35 mph

GUSTS



Relative humidity as low as **5 percent**



Fire Danger

AVOID OUTDOOR BURNING

Low

Elevated

Critical

Extreme

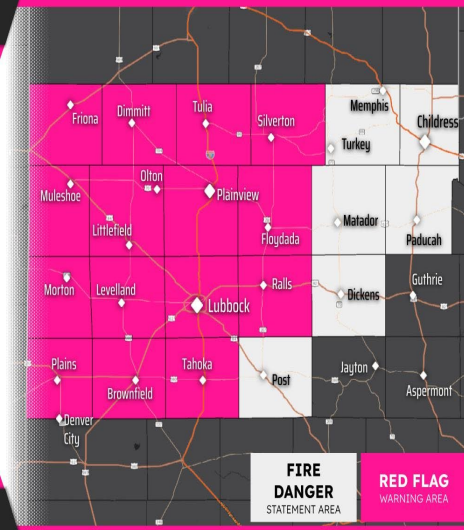


REPORT FIRES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES



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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Updated: Thu Apr 16, 2026 12:35 AM

Southwesterly winds gusting up to 45 mph and very dry conditions lead to fire weather concerns on Thursday. Take extra precautions to prevent fire starts, as these conditions create an environment where fires may spread very easily.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect between noon and 8 PM CDT for areas on the Caprock. The combination of southwesterly winds between 20-30 mph and very low relative humidity will result in favorable conditions for the rapid growth and spread of wildfires this afternoon. Avoid outdoor burning today.

Hazardous Weather

Elevated Fire Danger

Avoid activities that may cause a spark
Latest info at weather.gov/Midland

🕒 Noon MDT Today - 8 PM MDT This Evening



Southeast New Mexico,
Guadalupe/Delaware Mtns,
Sacramento Foothills, and Eastern
Culberson County Plains



- West wind 10-20 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph (higher gusts in mountains).
- Relative Humidity between 5-10%.
- Dry fuels.



Fire Danger



Low Elevated Critical Extreme

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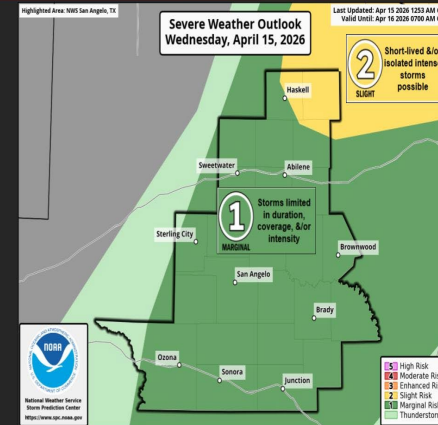
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Updated: Thu Apr 16, 2026 2:26 AM

Near-critical fire weather conditions are in store once again this afternoon and early evening across southeast New Mexico, the Guadalupe/Delaware Mountains, Sacramento Foothills, and eastern Culberson County Plains. Avoid doing any activities that could cause a spark!

Severe Thunderstorm Outlook this Afternoon and Evening

Highest Local Risk: **Slight Risk** (Level 2 out of 5)



National Weather Service · San Angelo

weather.gov/SJT

Updated: Wed Apr 15, 2026 10:26 AM



Isolated thunderstorms are expected late this afternoon and evening. Any storm that develops will have the potential of very large hail, damaging winds, and an isolated tornado. The highest potential of storms will be across the northern Big Country.



Late afternoon through evening.

Main Potential Hazards:



Very Large Hail
(potentially larger
than golfball size)



Damaging winds
(60+ MPH)



Isolated
Tornado

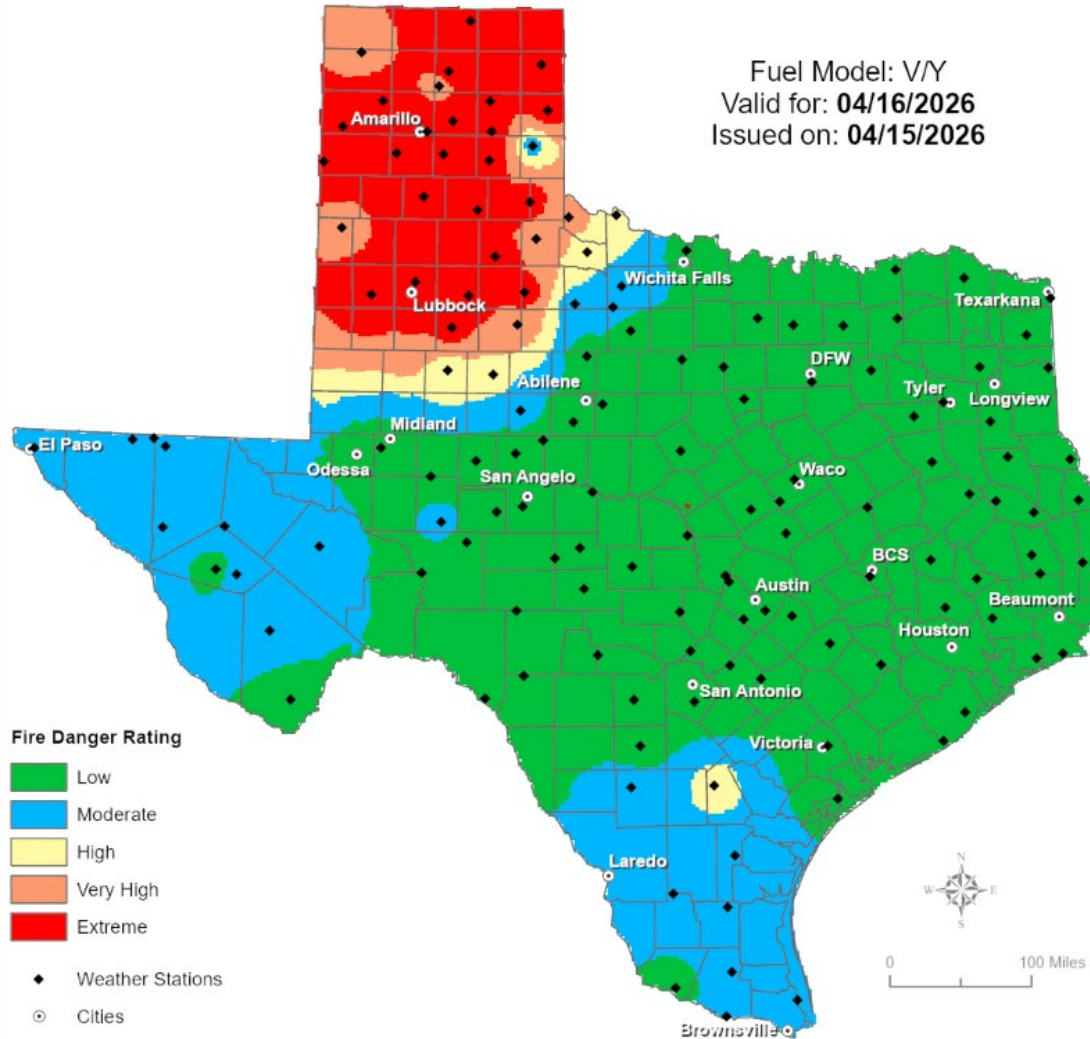
Isolated storms will be possible Friday evening into the early morning hours on Saturday. Any storm that develops may approach severe levels with hail, gusty winds, and dangerous lightning possible.

Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/15/26	Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Archer, Baylor, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Cooke, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Tom Green, Wichita, Wise, and Young Counties
04/15/26	Special Weather Statement	Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Irion, Jack, Jones, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Wichita, Wise, and Young Counties
04/15/26	Airport Weather Warning	Nueces County
04/15/26	Severe Thunderstorm Watch	Callahan, Cooke, Denton, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jack, Jones, Montague, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wise, and Young Counties
04/15/26	Flood Advisory	Archer, Clay, and Wichita Counties
04/15/26	Freeze Watch	Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hansford, Hartley, Moore, Oldham, and Sherman Counties

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger



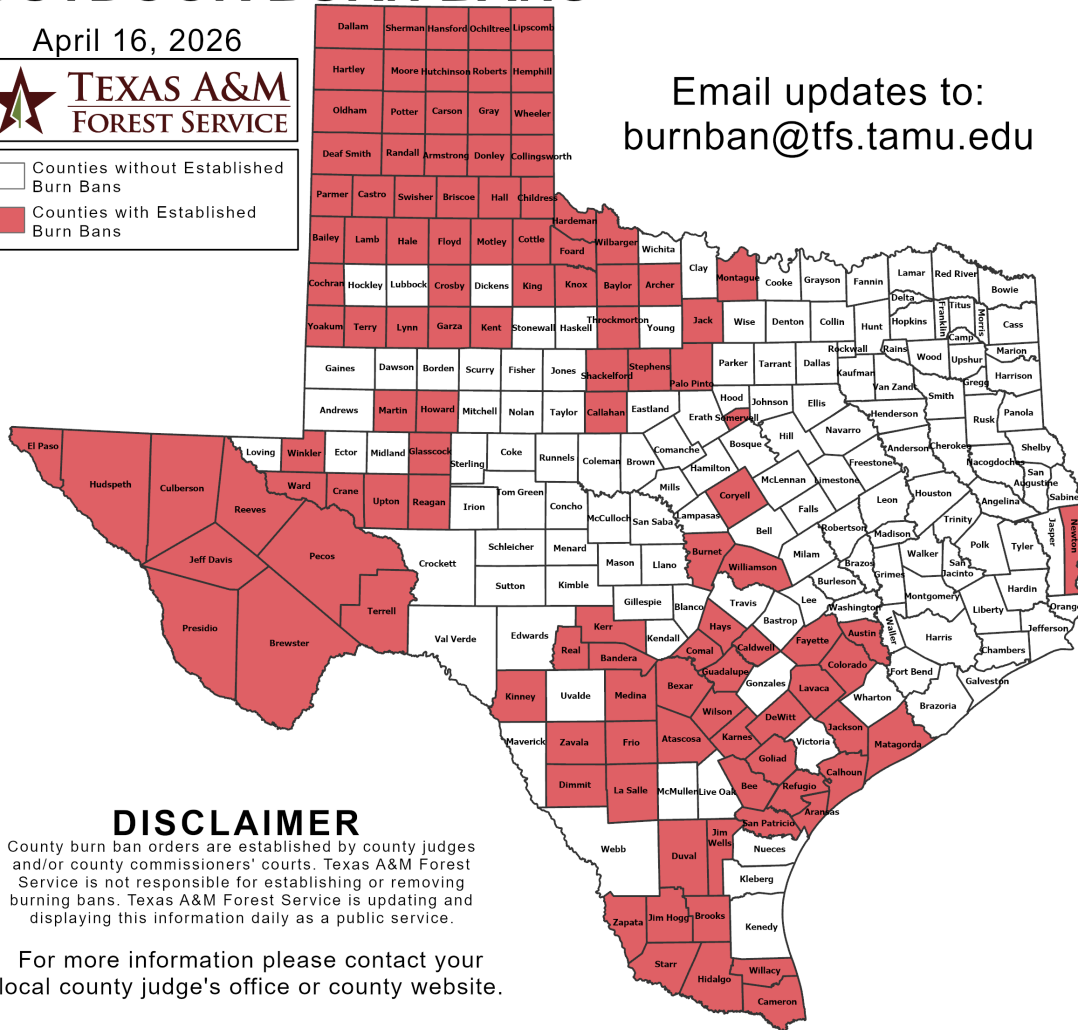
Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

April 16, 2026



Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans



Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

Counties with Burn Bans: 114

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| Aransas | Floyd | Montague |
| Archer | Foard | Moore |
| Armstrong | Frio | Motley |
| Atascosa | Garza | Newton |
| Austin | Glasscock | Ochiltree |
| Bailey | Goliad | Oldham |
| Bandera | Gray | Palo Pinto |
| Baylor | Guadalupe | Parmer |
| Bee | Hale | Pecos |
| Bexar | Hall | Potter |
| Brewster | Hansford | Presidio |
| Briscoe | Hardeman | Randall |
| Brooks | Hartley | Reagan |
| Burnet | Hays | Real |
| Caldwell | Hemphill | Reeves |
| Calhoun | Hidalgo | Refugio |
| Callahan | Howard | Roberts |
| Cameron | Hudspeth | San Patricio |
| Carson | Hutchinson | Shackelford |
| Castro | Jack | Sherman |
| Childress | Jackson | Somervell |
| Cochran | Jeff Davis | Starr |
| Collingsworth | Jim Hogg | Stephens |
| Colorado | Jim Wells | Swisher |
| Comal | Karnes | Terrell |
| Coryell | Kent | Terry |
| Cottle | Kerr | Throckmorton |
| Crane | Kinney | Upton |
| Crosby | Knox | Ward |
| Culberson | Lamb | Wheeler |
| Dallam | La Salle | Wilbarger |
| Deaf Smith | Lavaca | Willacy |
| DeWitt | Lipscomb | Williamson |
| Dimmit | Lynn | Wilson |
| Donley | Martin | Winkler |
| Duval | Matagorda | Yoakum |
| El Paso | Medina | Zapata |
| Fayette | | Zavala |

DISCLAIMER

County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

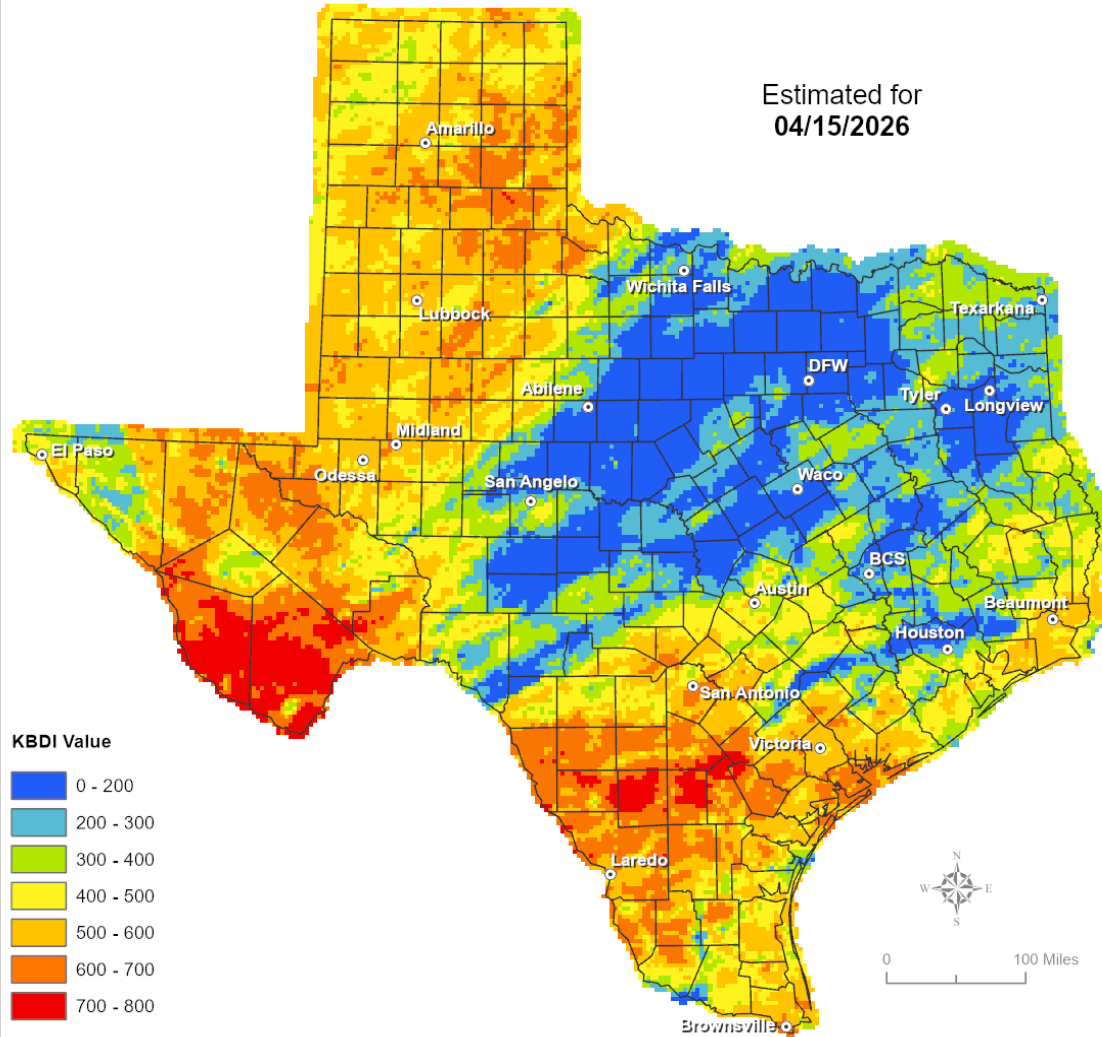
RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov
 Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
04/15/2026



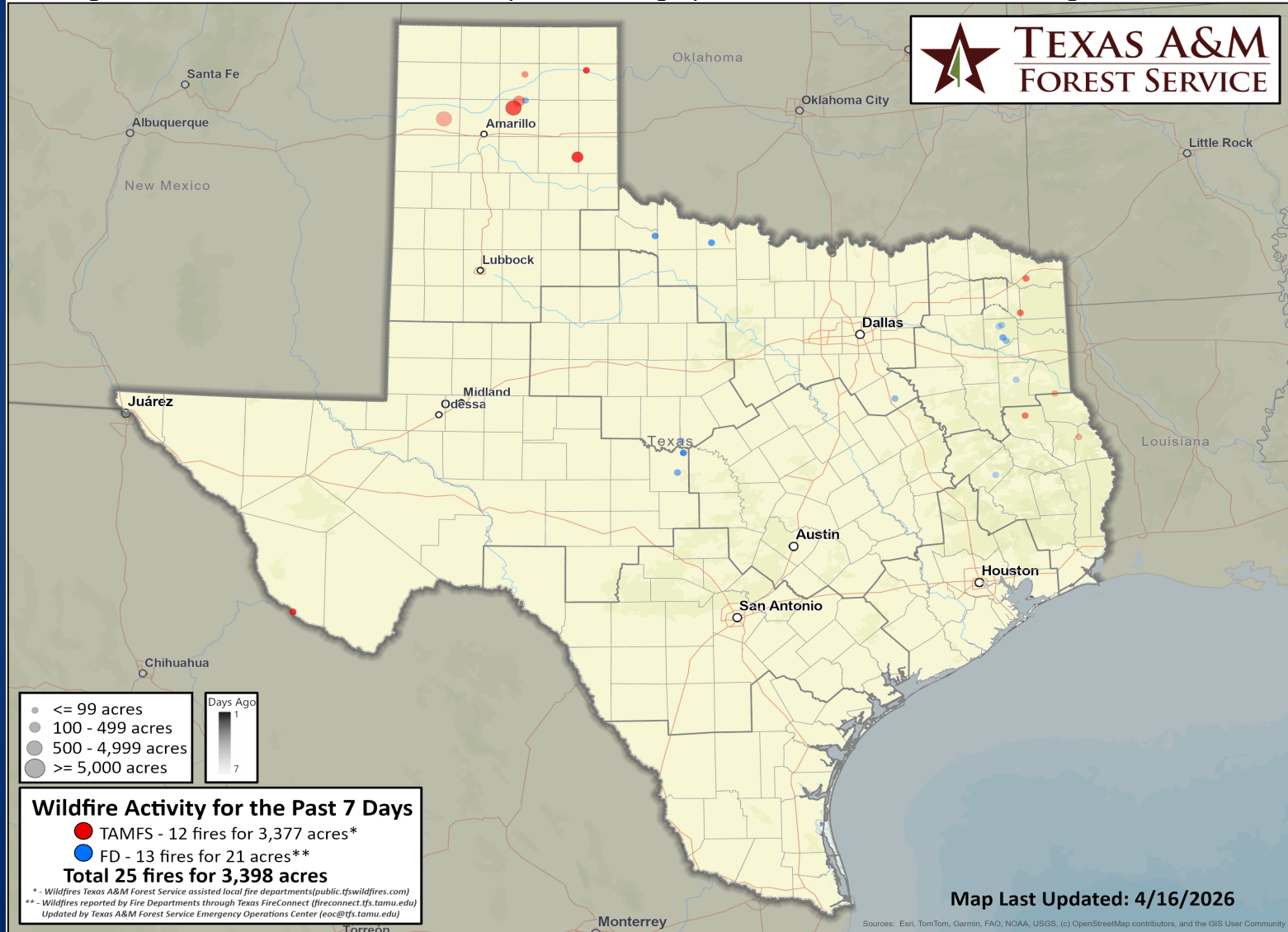
Fire Weather

Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/15/26	Fire Weather Watch	Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum Counties
04/15/26	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum Counties
04/16/26	Fire Weather Watch	Andrews, Collingsworth, Culberson, Dawson, Gaines, and Martin Counties
04/16/26	Fire Danger Statement	Foard and Hardeman Counties

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 651 (No Change) fires and 65,523 (No Change) acres have been burned this year. There are 114 (-6) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list contains 131 (No Change) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
04/04/26	04/18/26	Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training	G-317	Dallas
04/06/26	04/25/26	Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training	G-317	Weatherford
04/13/26	04/17/26	HazMat Technician (NFPA Certification Course)	H-501	Huntsville
04/13/26	04/17/26	Confined Space Rescue Technician (Certification Course)	H-516	Midland
04/13/26	04/17/26	Trench Rescue Technician (Certification Course)	H-517	Abilene
04/13/26	04/17/26	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	O-305	Belton
04/13/26	04/17/26	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	O-305	Corpus Christi
04/13/26	04/17/26	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	O-305	Pecos
04/14/26	04/16/26	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	G-300	Dickinson
04/14/26	04/16/26	Disaster Accounting Basics	T-ACC600	Beeville
04/15/26	04/17/26	Disaster Accounting Basics	T-ACC600	Fort Worth

Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
04/16/26	04/17/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	LaPorte
04/16/26	04/17/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Laredo
04/16/26	04/17/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	New Braunfels
04/16/26	04/17/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	San Antonio

Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
04/14/26	04/18/26	Galveston	Mustang Week
04/15/26	04/22/26	Houston	America 250: Fleet Week
04/16/26	04/19/26	Fort Worth	Fort Worth Art Fair
04/16/26	04/19/26	Houston	155TH National Rifle Association Annual Meeting
04/16/26	04/19/26	Houston	MLB: 2026 Houston Astros
04/16/26	04/26/26	San Antonio	Fiesta – Carnival