

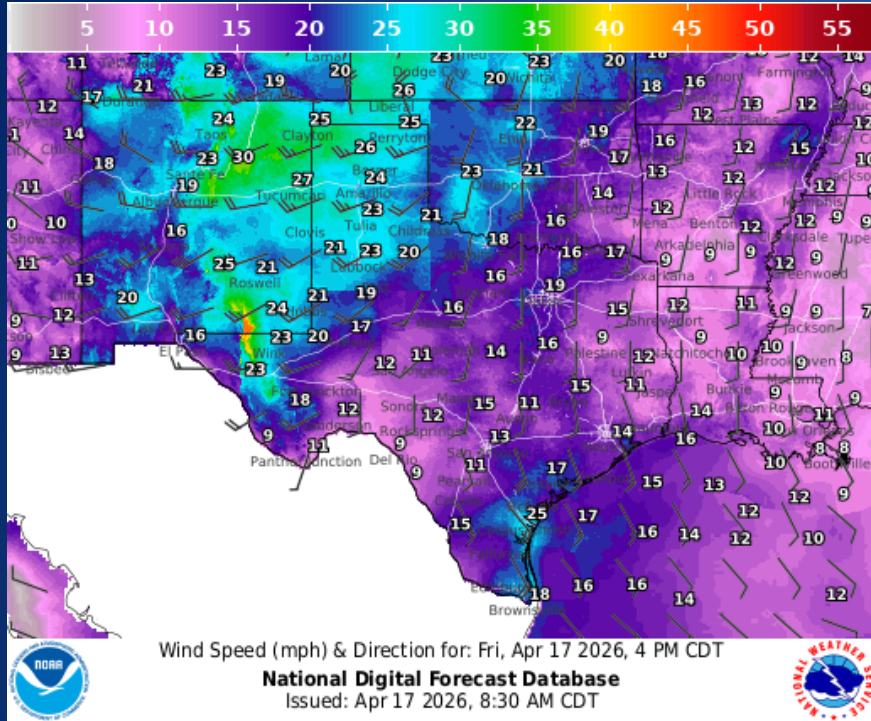
Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
04/16/26	Initial and Final Report of the Richter Road Fire	Kendall County
04/16/26	Initial Report of the Laundry Fire	Randall County
04/16/26	Update Report of the Laundry Fire	Randall County
04/16/26	Final Report of the Laundry Fire	Randall County

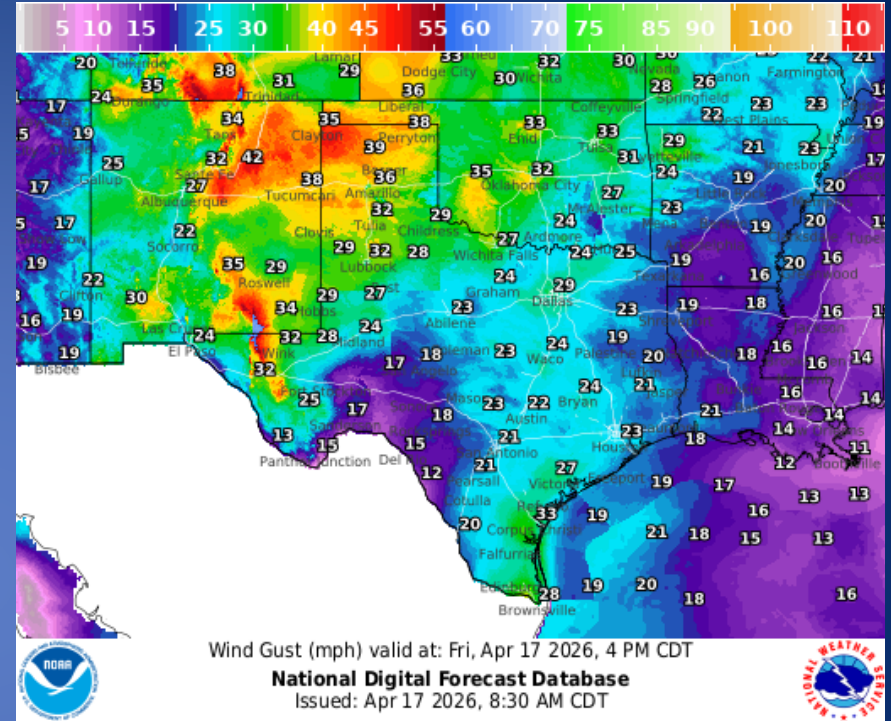
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DATE	SUBJECT
04/16/26	Daily Situation Report [25-0026 02Jul Severe Weather]
04/16/26	Daily Situation Report [26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026]
04/16/26	NWS Norman, OK: Thursday 2 PM Weekly Weather Briefing
04/16/26	NWS Brownsville: Cold Front Brings Widespread Rain this Weekend, Urban Flooding Possible Sunday
04/17/26	Daily NWS Threat Brief

Weather Forecast

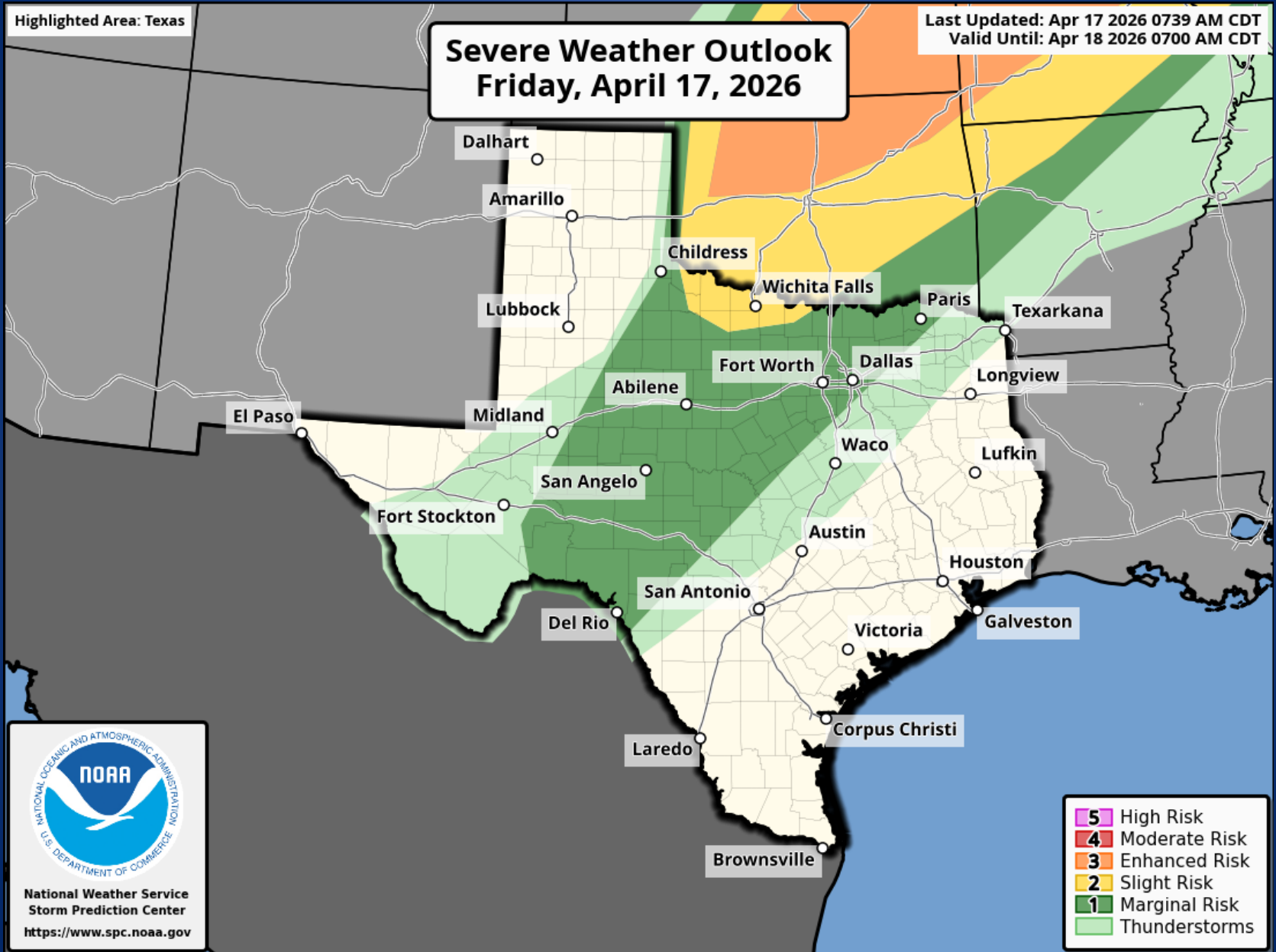


Wind Speed



Wind Gust

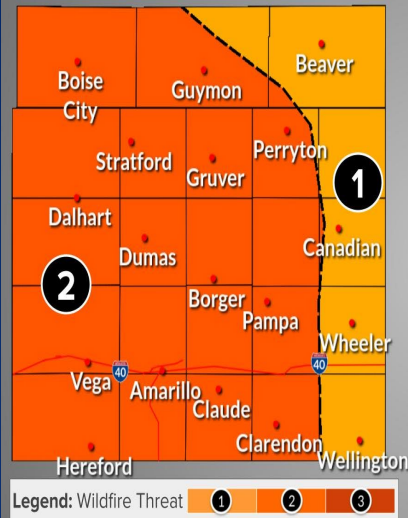
Hazardous Weather



Hazardous Weather

Critical Fire Weather Conditions Today

Updated:
Fri Apr 17, 2026 4:57 AM



What to Expect



Southwest winds ahead of the front gusting upwards of **45 to 55 mph** with **very dry conditions**



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



Timing

Critical Fire Weather:
**Noon - 9 PM
Today**



Safety Info

Take extra precautions to prevent fire starts!

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

National Weather Service | Amarillo

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Southwesterly to westerly winds gusting up to 50 mph and very dry conditions lead to fire weather concerns today. Take extra precautions to prevent fire starts, as these conditions create an environment where fires may spread very easily.

Friday: Red Flag Warning

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



In effect from noon to 9 PM CDT



The far southern Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and most of the Rolling Plains.



Southwest at
20-30 mph



Gusts up to
40 mph



Relative humidity as low as **6 percent**



Fire Danger

Low Elevated **Critical** Extreme

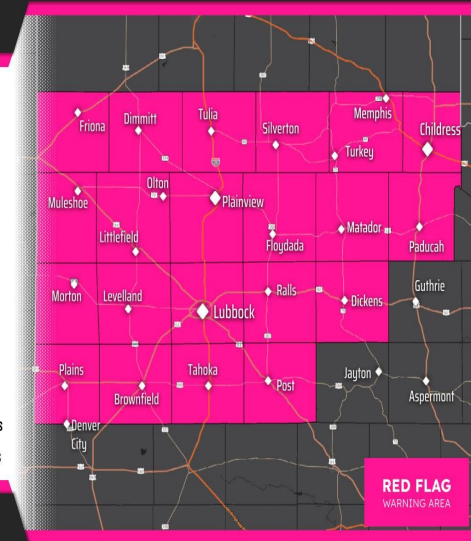


REPORT FIRES
TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES



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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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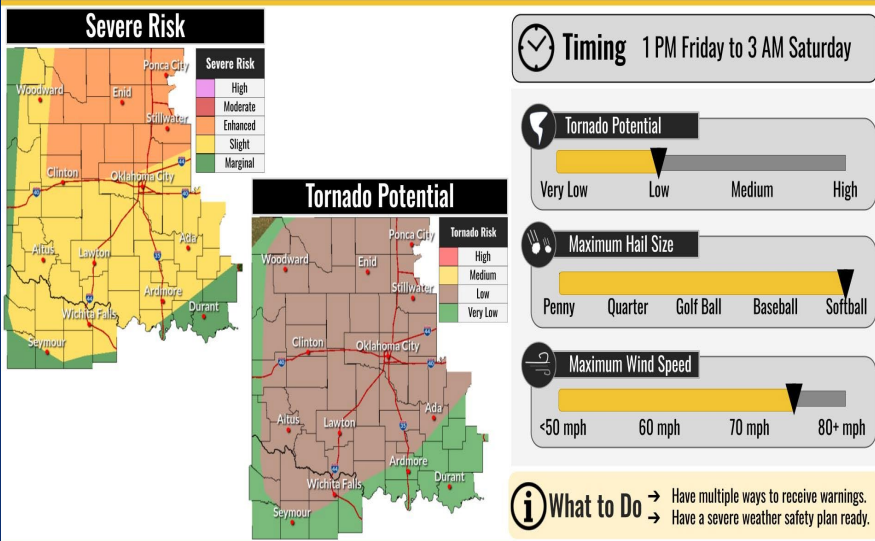
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A Red Flag Warning is in effect between noon and 9 PM CDT for the far southern Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and most of the Rolling Plains. Avoid outdoor burning and activities involving open sparks and/or flames Friday. #lubwx #txwx

Hazardous Weather

Severe Storm Risk - Friday & Friday Night

April 17, 2026
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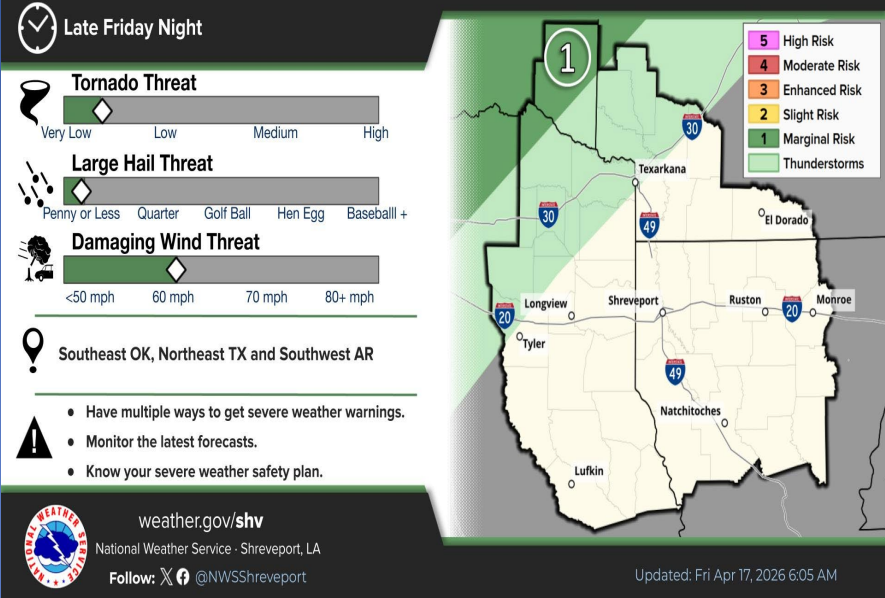


National Weather Service | Norman, Oklahoma | @NWSNorman | weather.gov/norman

Severe thunderstorms are expected on Friday afternoon, evening and night, especially across northern and central Oklahoma. Large hail, damaging wind gusts and low tornado risk are expected initially before a transition towards mainly a damaging wind risk into early Saturday morning.

Severe Weather Risk: Overnight

Have Multiple Ways to Get Severe Weather Warnings
Latest info at weather.gov/shv

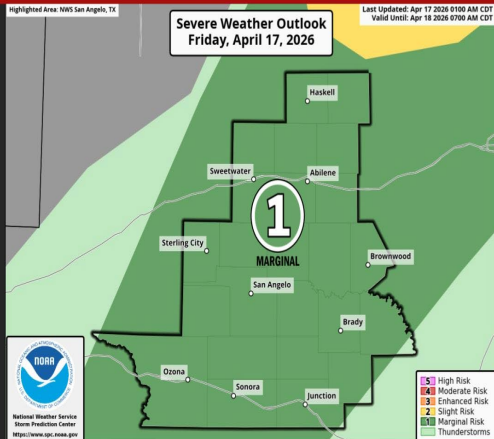


A line of showers and thunderstorms will spread across Southeast Oklahoma, Northeast Texas and Southwest Arkansas predawn on Saturday. These storms will weaken as they move into our area, but still may remain strong enough to produce gusty winds before diminishing.

Hazardous Weather

Severe Thunderstorm Outlook for This Afternoon and Evening

Highest Local Risk: **Marginal** (Level 1 out of 5)



- Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms are possible this afternoon and evening. Any storms that do develop will have the potential to become severe. Large hail and damaging winds will be the primary hazards, with the small potential for an isolated tornado.
- Late this afternoon through this evening.

Potential Hazards:



Large Hail (Up to 1.5 inches in diameter)



Damaging winds (60+ MPH)



Isolated Tornado

National Weather Service - San Angelo
weather.gov/SJT
Updated: Fri Apr 17, 2026 2:16 AM

Isolated to widely scattered storms will be possible late this afternoon through tonight. Any storms that develop may approach severe levels with large hail, damaging winds, and possibly an isolated tornado.

Fire Weather Watch

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

11 AM MDT/Noon CDT - 8 PM MDT/9 PM CDT Friday



Southeast New Mexico, Guadalupe/Delaware Mtns, and Northwest Permian Basin



- West 20-30 mph with gusts up to 50 mph in plains. Higher winds in the mountains.
- Relative Humidity 6-10%
- Rapidly Drying Fuels



AVOID OUTDOOR BURNING

Low

Elevated

Critical

Extreme

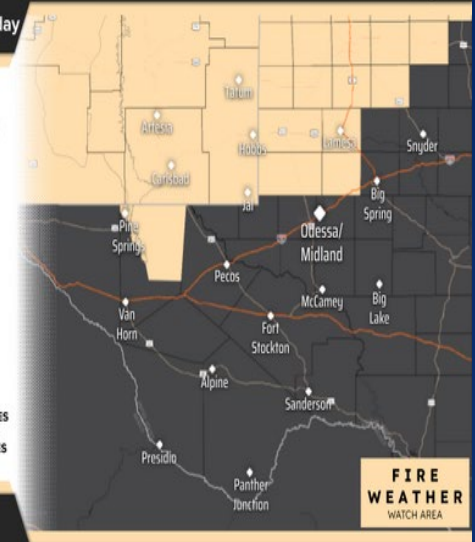


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FIRE WEATHER WATCH AREA

Critical fire weather conditions are expected on Friday as winds increase, relative humidity remains below 10 percent, and fuels continue to dry. As such, a Fire Weather Watch has been issued for southeast New Mexico, the Guadalupe/Delaware Mountains, eastern Culberson County and the northwest Permian Basin of west Texas. This watch is in effect from Noon CDT/11 AM MDT through 9 PM CDT/8 PM MDT Friday evening. Avoid outdoor burning and other activities that may cause a spark!

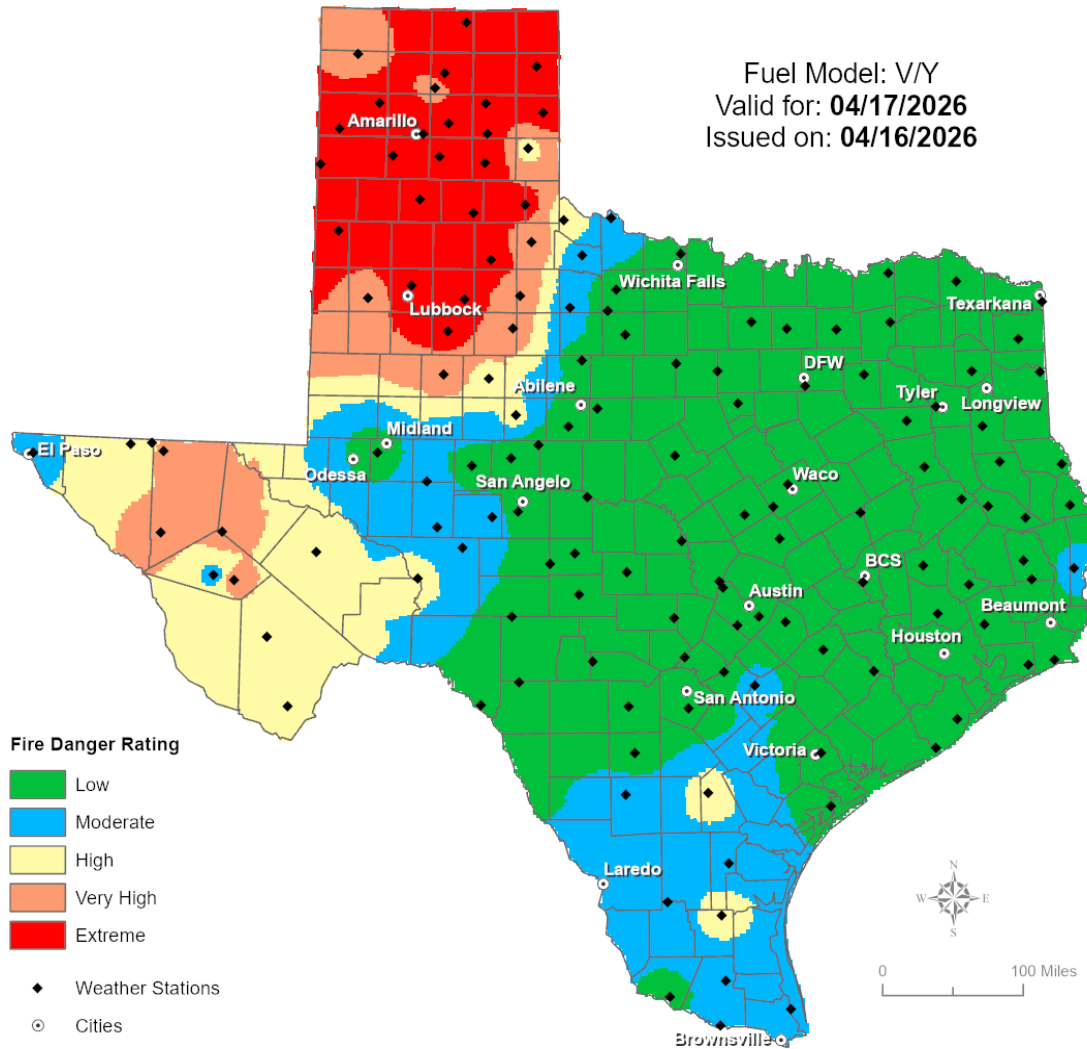
Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/16/26	High Wind Warning	Culberson County
04/16/26	Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Brewster, Pecos, and Terrell Counties
04/16/26	Special Weather Statement	Collingsworth and Wheeler Counties
04/16/26	Freeze Watch	Bailey, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Lamb, Moore, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Sherman, and Swisher Counties
04/16/26	Wind Advisory	Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Donley, Foard, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Potter, Roberts, Sherman, Wheeler, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties
04/16/26	Freeze Warning	Dallam, Hartley, and Sherman Counties
04/17/26	Small Craft Advisory	Kleberg and Nueces Counties
04/17/26	High Wind Watch	Culberson County

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger

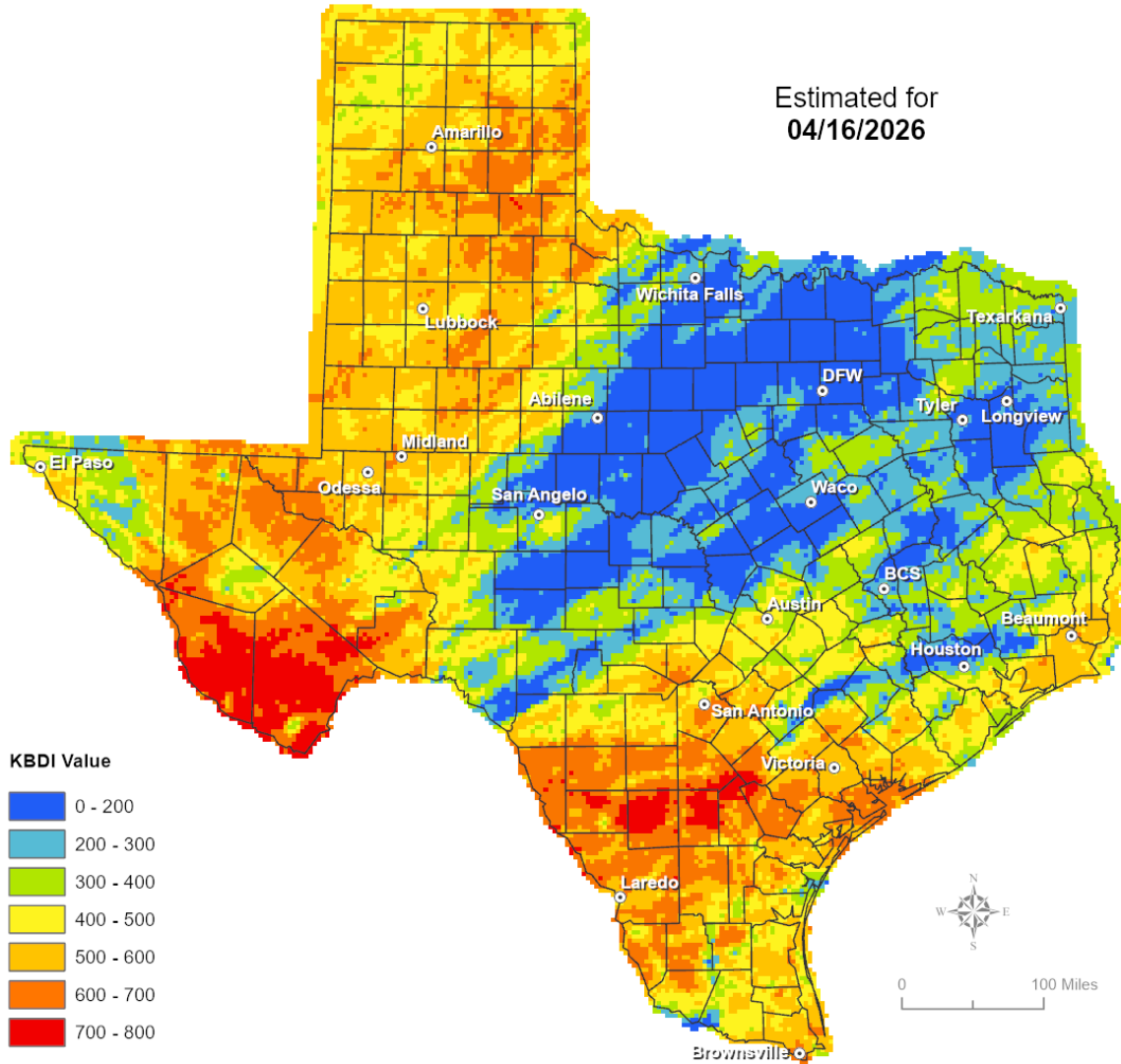
Fuel Model: V/Y
Valid for: **04/17/2026**
Issued on: **04/16/2026**



Keetch-Byram Drought

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)



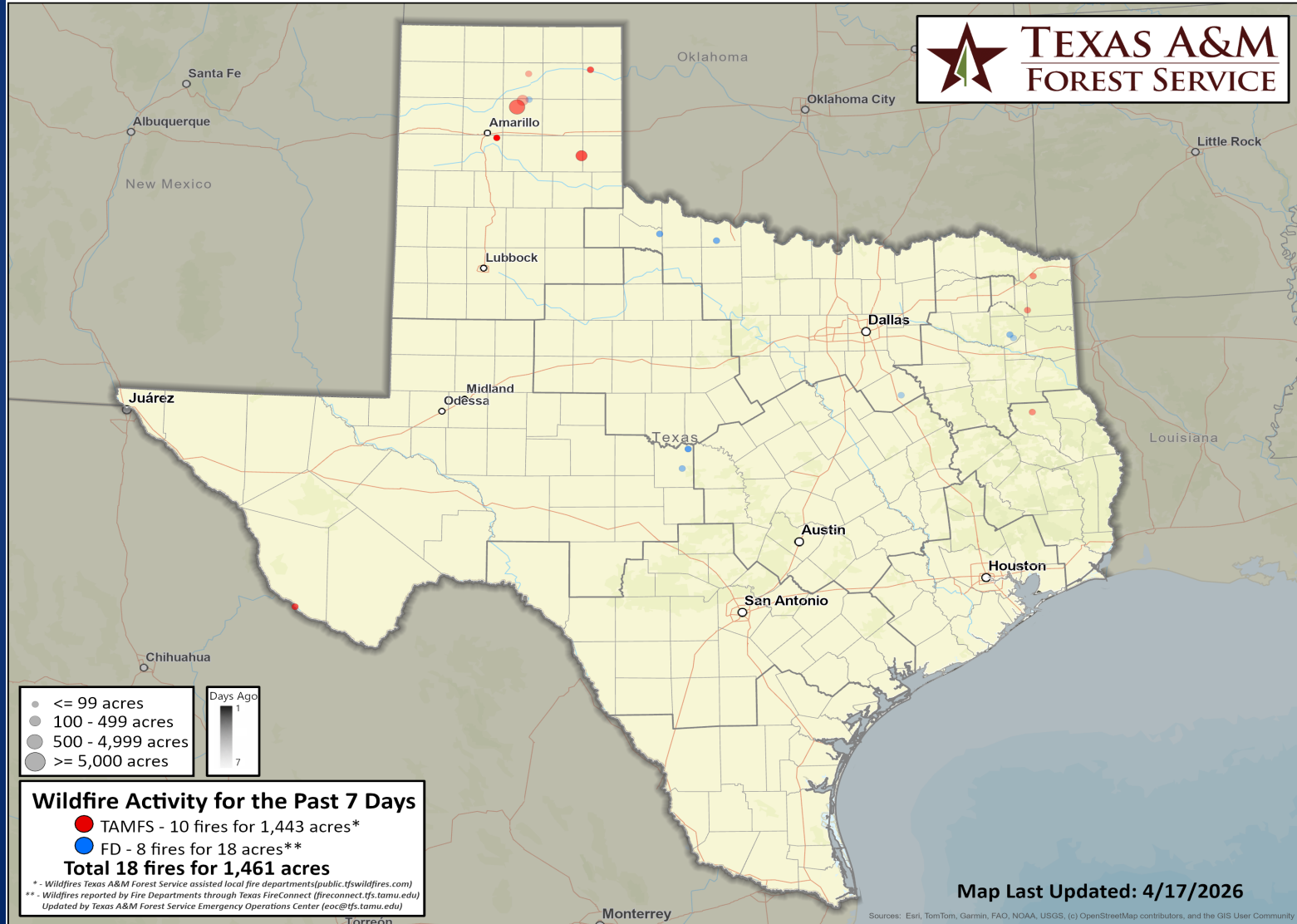
Fire Weather

Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/16/26	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum Counties
04/17/26	Red Flag Warning	Andrews, Culberson, Dawson, and Gaines 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 (No Change) 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 Technicien (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
04/15/26	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	04/26/26	San Antonio	Fiesta Festival
04/17/26	04/19/26	Houston	Houston Astros
04/17/26	04/19/26	Houston	Clash of Clubs
04/17/26	04/19/26	Port Aransas	Sand Fest