



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>26-0012 14MAY Hunggate Fire FM-5633</b>
<b>Date</b>	May 23, 2026
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM May 22, 2026, to 8:00 AM May 23, 2026
<b>Report Number</b>	7

<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1
<b>Disaster Districts Activated</b>	1

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On May 21, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join state and local partners in conducting preliminary damage assessments in Panhandle communities affected by recent wildfire activity and South Texas communities impacted by April severe storms. These assessments will help determine if the state meets the thresholds for additional federal disaster assistance.

On May 16, Gov. Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a request from the State of Texas for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Hunggate Fire in Randall County, which has threatened and damaged homes and infrastructure in the Texas Panhandle and forced local evacuations.

### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

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

## **Region 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)**

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 1 activated to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions on May 15.

**Randall County:** The Hunggate Fire burned 34,131 acres and is contained with seven structures lost. There have been approximately 310 evacuations. A temporary shelter has been established at the Cole Community Center in Canyon. The Chocolate Chip Fire has been merged with the Hunggate Fire.

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

#### **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):**

On May 22, the DAR Specialist stationed at the IMT in Amarillo demobilized at the end of shift and traveled back to their home base. Assessment teams with DAR, CEA's and area Chief Curtis Preston have demobilized and will continue to monitor recovery needs remotely. The local County Extension Agent will monitor ongoing needs and assist with monetary donations through the agricultural program area committee and the Amarillo Foundation.

Preliminary damage assessments from the Hunggate Fire, compiled by the USDA–Farm Services Agency, DAR, and the County Extension Agent, indicate significant agricultural losses. Current reports show the loss of 10 heads of cattle, damage or destruction to approximately 154 miles of fencing, and the loss of more than 1,000 bales of hay.

AgriLife Extension and USDA will continue to record damages as landowners report them. For the 26-0001 Incident, iSTAT submissions from May 15 through today include 24 entries in the State of Texas Assessment Tool portal from landowners reporting agricultural damage to fencing, crops, livestock, and equipment. Four of those landowners have requested assistance from the AgriLife Extension Service. County Extension Agents in the affected counties are contacting these landowners and providing relief assistance as the requests are received.

On May 21, AgriLife personnel continued fenceline loss estimates within the burn scar. One DAR Specialist was released, and one DAR Specialist remains stationed at the Incident Management Team (IMT) in Amarillo.

On May 20, specialists continued work on estimates of fenceline losses by satellite data. An estimated 200 round bales of hay were lost in the fire. Producers are being directed to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Hay Hotline (877) 429-1998. The Amarillo Foundation is accepting monetary donations to help producers replace their hay supplies.

On May 19, specialists continued utilizing aerial imagery and drone footage to estimate fenceline losses on larger properties not accessible by vehicle. DDEOC 1 Liaison was released and will assist the strike team with compiling drone footage of fenceline losses.

On May 18, AgriLife personnel worked with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Services Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to distribute surveys to affected landowners to determine fenceline, hay, and other agricultural losses in the burn scar of the Hunggate Fire. Aerial imagery will be used to better estimate fenceline losses on larger properties not accessible by vehicles. No livestock losses were reported.

Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) agents and County Extension Strike Team (ST) members remain on standby to support animal response operations, as well as other fire response and recovery efforts, as requested. As of May 16, 24 DAR Specialists and three Area Chiefs are on standby to support wildfire response efforts. An AgriLife representative at DDEOC 1 in Amarillo, along with a DAR Specialist, is supporting the Incident Management Team (IMT) in Amarillo. As of May 16, there have been two requests for damage assessments.

#### **Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):**

The Texas A&M Forest Service has pre-positioned heavy equipment, engines, and aircraft across regions impacted by elevated fire weather conditions. Out-of-State personnel and equipment are integrated with TAMFS in aviation support, field operations and other support roles to augment State resources for a safe and effective response. In total, TAMFS has 20 personnel committed to the Hunggate FMAG Wildfire.

#### **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

On May 15, TxDOT reported temporary road closures on Interstate Highway (IH) 27 and United States Highway (US) 87 in Randall County. As of May 16, there were no state-maintained roadways closed due to wildfires. TxDOT continues their mission of maintaining safe roadways for the traveling public during adverse conditions such as wildfires. TxDOT Amarillo is providing fuel support on the Hunggate Fire. TxDOT Emergency Management continues to support the State Operations Center (SOC).

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):**

As of May 19, all resources have been released from the Hunggate Fire.

**Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)**

**American Red Cross (ARC):**

ARC is pre-staging supplies statewide and rostering volunteers to handle sheltering and feeding operations. ARC has identified potential shelter locations. Red Cross staff and volunteers stand by, ready to support.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Resource Kind and Type</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Location</b>
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	AgriLife Administration	2	2	Released	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Released	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists/ Area Chiefs	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo/Canyon
AgriLife	DDEOC Rep Strike Team Liaison	1	1	Released	Amarillo
AgriLife	TDEM IMT Support	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	1	1	Assigned	Canyon/Amarillo
TAMFS	TIFMAS Engine Boss	1	1	Assigned	Randall County
TAMFS	All Hazard Strike Teams	19	6	Assigned	Randall County
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Local District Support	9	9	Assigned	Amarillo District
TxDOT	Local District Support	4	2	Assigned	Childress District

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response 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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