



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0014 17MAY Stinky Fire FM-5634
Date	May 27, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 26, 2026, to 8:00 AM May 27, 2026
Report Number	7

TDEM Regions Affected	1
Disaster Districts Activated	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 21, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management 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 19, 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 Stinky Fire in Potter County, which has threatened homes, damaged property, impacted infrastructure, and prompted local evacuations in the Texas Panhandle.

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. DDEOC 1 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on May 24.

Potter County: The Stinky Fire burned approximately 2,335 acres and is contained with 52 structures lost. There were approximately 1,300 evacuations.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Emergency Management:

As of May 21, all ten Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) personnel and the Region 8 Regional Coordinator (RC) have been demobilized. A website has been established for monetary donations for the [Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund](#).

Mass Care:

As of May 21, the ISTF continues to monitor for potential Mass Care activities over the coming operational periods. At this time, no requests for Mass Care services or coordination have been received. Partner agencies remain on standby and remain prepared to provide support as community needs are identified, and requests for assistance are made.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

On May 24, the Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Specialist stationed at the Incident Management Team (IMT) in Amarillo was demobilized. The Area Chief and DAR Specialists/County Extension Agents (CEA) have demobilized and will continue to monitor recovery needs remotely. The local CEA will monitor needs and provide recovery resources to local landowners. CEAs in affected counties are contacting the landowners to provide relief assistance as those requests are received.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS prepositioned heavy equipment, engines, and aircraft across regions impacted by elevated fire weather conditions. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is currently activated. Out-of-State personnel and equipment were integrated with TAMFS

in aviation support, field operations and other support roles to augment State resources for a safe and effective response. In addition, a targeted public awareness campaign is being conducted in the Panhandle region, including billboard messaging and coordinated outreach through local and regional news media. In total, TAMFS had 26 personnel committed to this event.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

As of May 21, All Hazards Package (AH PKG) Alpha has been reassigned to 26-0013 18MAY Severe Weather, Wildland Fire Support Package (WLFS PKG) Teams 14 and 15 have been demobilized, and WLFS PKGs reassigned to 26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS (VOAD)

American Red Cross (ARC):

As of May 26, ARC continues contacting clients and scheduling intake appointments for casework to assist affected households.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
Mass Care ESF-6	Liaison	3	0	Activated	SOC
ISTF HQ Staff	Liaison	3	0	Activated	SOC
VOAD	Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC
TAMFS	Overhead	1	0	Released	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	Field Operations	25	6	Released	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	TIFMAS	70	24	Released	TDEM Region 1
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Released	SOC
AgriLife	Administration	2	2	Released	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Released	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists/Area Chiefs	1	1	Released	Amarillo
AgriLife	TDEM IMT Support	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
AgriLife	County Extension Agent	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Released	SOC (Remote)
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Released	SOC (Remote)
DSHS	Area MEDL + Tech Spec	2	1	Released	Statewide

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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