



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026
Date	August 25, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM August 24, 2026, to 8:00 AM August 25, 2026
Report Number	168

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	3, 4, 7, 12, 23

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Over the course of the last 30 days, most of Texas has received little to no rainfall and experienced well above average temperatures. This has led to extreme wildfire danger across the state, and wildfires are now burning with intensity that makes them extremely difficult to contain. Multiple wildfires remain active across the state and state emergency response resources remain engaged in support of local officials.

On August 4, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate additional state wildfire response resources in anticipation of increased fire weather conditions in areas of the Texas Panhandle.

On August 3, Governor Greg Abbott amended and renewed the disaster proclamation related to fire weather.

According to the Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS), August is typically the peak month for wildfires due to hot, dry conditions. Across large regions of Texas, wildfire potential is expected to increase due to dry vegetation, with a heightened concern over the next several days in the Panhandle and North Texas areas.

On July 4, Governor Greg Abbott amended and renewed the disaster proclamation related to fire weather.

On June 7, Governor Abbott amended and renewed the disaster proclamation related to fire weather.

On May 21, Gov. 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. These assessments will help determine if the state meets the thresholds for additional federal disaster assistance.

On May 19, Gov. Abbott announced that the FEMA has approved a request from the State of Texas for a FMAG for the Stinky Fire in Potter County, which has threatened homes, damaged property, impacted infrastructure, and prompted local evacuations in the Texas Panhandle.

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

On May 8, Gov. Abbott issued a disaster proclamation related to fire weather conditions that began on August 10, 2025, as amended and renewed in subsequent proclamations, certifying that increased fire weather conditions pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property.

On March 18, Gov. Abbott announced that FEMA has approved a request from the State of Texas for an FMAG for the Corner Pocket Fire in Donley County, which threatened and damaged homes and infrastructure in the Texas Panhandle and forced local evacuations.

On February 19, Gov. Abbott announced that FEMA has approved a request from the State of Texas for an FMAG for the 8 Ball Fire that started in Armstrong County and entered Donley County, which has threatened homes and infrastructure in the Panhandle area and has prompted local evacuations.

On February 17, Gov. Abbott directed TDEM to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response) ahead of critical wildfire danger anticipated across portions of the western half of Texas.

On February 15, Gov. Abbott announced that he directed TDEM to activate additional state wildfire response resources in anticipation of elevated-to-critical fire weather conditions in large areas of South, West, and Northwest Texas.

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 Disaster District (DD) 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)

Carson County: Old Deer has burned 676 acres and is [contained](#).

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties)

Motley County: Rustler has burned [1,834](#) acres and is [contained](#).

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties): DDEOC 7 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) status in support of the fire weather threat.

Brown County: Neighbor has burned [220](#) acres and is [90](#) percent contained.

Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)

TDEM Region 2 staff are actively meeting and working with TAMFS and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) partners to enhance response and recovery processes within the region.

DD 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties): DDEOC 3 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) status.

Wichita County: [Falcon has burned 123 acres and is 95 percent contained.](#)
[Roadrunner fire burned 16 acres and is 95 percent contained.](#)

DD 4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth (Includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties). [On August 25, DDEOC 4 has increased to Level II \(Escalated Response Conditions\) status. A request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant was submitted for the Ross Fire in Palo Pinto County, spanning into Jack County. Jack County has issued a mandatory evacuation order and has two shelters open. The shelters are located at the Community Center, 1114 Highway 59 in Jacksboro, and the Wildcater at 6062 Highway 16 S in Graham. Palo Pinto has issued a voluntary evacuation order and has no shelters.](#)

Palo Pinto County: [Ross has burned 50,000 acres and is 5 percent contained.](#)

Parker County: [Cuttin has burned 13 acres and is 95 percent contained.](#)

Wise County: Pecan has burned 57.26 acres and is 40 percent contained.

Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)

As of August 24, Region 3 has been experiencing a gradual increase in fire behavior, with moderate-extreme fire behavior presenting daily and sporadically across all four Districts. As of August 20, various additional resource were staged in Region 3 from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), Texas Military Department (TMD), and Texas Department of State Health Service (DSHS).

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

Bowie County: Bowie 7519 has burned 3.7 acres and is contained.

Red River County: Red River 7523 burned 17 acres and is contained.

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

Anderson County: Anderson 7547 burned two acres and is contained.

Henderson County: Henderson 7575 burned 27.5 acres and is contained.

Panola County: Panola 7560 burned 18 acres and is contained. Panola 7567 burned one acre and is contained.

Smith County: Smith 7550 burned 3.5 acres and contained.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Nacogdoches County: Schoolhouse Branch burned 50 acres and is contained.

Polk County: Polk 7573 burned 1.2 acres and is contained.

San Augustine: San Augustine 7562 burned 1 acres and is contained.

Shelby County: Shelby 7587 burned 5 acres and is contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

TDEM Region 5 staff is actively communicating and coordinating with TAMFS and local jurisdictions to enhance response and recovery processes within the region.

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

Bee County: Iron Corn has burned 10.9 acres and is 95 percent contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24):

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties).

Gillespie County: Loma Vista burned 5 acres and is contained.

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties): DDEOC 12 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) status.

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties). [On August 24, DDEOC 23 has increased to level III-Increased Readiness Conditions.](#)

Bell County: Bell 7530 has burned nine acres and is contained.

Hamilton County:

- [Rio Escondido has burned 2,500 acres and is 30 percent contained.](#)
- [CR 518 has burned 44 acres and is 95 percent contained.](#)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

Cellular providers continue to monitor tower sites and top off backup generators. Backup cellular platforms are on standby to deploy.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Public Works Response Team (TX/PWRT):

PWRT continues to support and coordinate operations from the SOC and are monitoring requests for service.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

On May 19, the North Area Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Chief met with County Extension Agents (CEA) and officials in Potter County to assess agricultural needs. They are finding injured/burned livestock, with minimal losses reported. AgriLife is working with the local water supplier to provide water trucks for supplemental water for livestock until electricity is restored.

On February 22, AgriLife conducted fencing damage assessments and monitoring needs with local landowners in affected counties. On February 23, the Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Animal Evacuation and Response Team demobilized and returned to headquarters.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS has pre-positioned heavy equipment, engines, and aircraft across regions impacted by elevated fire weather conditions. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated. A targeted public awareness campaign is being conducted in the Panhandle region to include billboard messaging and outreach through local and regional news media. In total, TAMFS has 726 personnel committed to this event.

As of August 24, TAMFS, with support from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), has 26 TIFMAS Single Engine Resource and 14 TIFMAS Wildland Engine Strike Teams (ST), along with a variety of aircraft, engines, dozers, and motor graders committed to this event.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

On August 19, TMD activated one Rotary Wing Medium MRP and one Rotary Wing Mixed MRP with crews to include three UH-60s and one CH-47 to provide direct support with aerial fire suppression capabilities in response to ongoing fire weather.

As of August 22, TMD has activated 30 personnel and four aircraft of this response.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

Texas Game Wardens responded to multiple wildfires from July 14 thru 18 in TDEM Region 1 and supported local Law Enforcement with evacuations for the 8-Ball, Lavender, and Spade wildfire, along with traffic control. In total, TPWD has assisted 100 people in evacuation.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

As of May 20, there were no state-maintained road closures due to wildfires. TxDOT is staffing the SOC and coordinating with TAMFS for ongoing DMS wildfire messaging. Up to date road conditions are available on drivetexas.org.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

In response to wildfire activity, DSHS is continuously monitoring wildfires and requests for assistance in the state of Texas. The DSHS has activated to a Limited Activation for this incident. On August 4, DSHS is assisting TAMFS with an Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) in the Texas Panhandle with the significant uptick in elevated fire risks.

As of August 21, eight Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Packages are assigned, staged, and are assisting TAMFS throughout the TDEM Regions impacted by wildfires.

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):

The State of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) Fund has been activated to support farmers and ranchers affected by wildfires. Ranchers needing hay or feed can use TDA's Hay Hotline at (877) 429-1998. Mental health support is available through the AgriStress Helpline by professionals familiar with rural challenges at (833) 897-2474.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
Mass Care	Liaison	4	0	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
ISTF HQ Staff	Liaison	4	0	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
VOAD	Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
ESF-18 Education	Liaison	1	0	Activated	SOC (Remote)
TAMFS	Command Staff	5	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	General Staff	20	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Operations	38	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Incident Support	17	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Agency Reps	9	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Aviation	27	28	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 8
TAMFS	Out of State (Field Ops)	72	16	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 8
TAMFS	Field Operations	183	79	Assigned	Various
TIFMAS	ST Engine/Tender	355	71	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8
TIFAMS	Single Resource	0	26	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
AgriLife	DAR Recovery Coordinator	1	1	Assigned	Victoria
AgriLife	Administration	2	2	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists/ Area Chiefs	3	3	Assigned	Statewide
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	WLFS PKG #19	6	4	Assigned	Potter Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #20	6	4	Assigned	Kerr Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #21	6	4	Assigned	Wichita Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #22	6	4	Assigned	Jim Wells Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #23	6	4	Assigned	Rusk Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #24	6	4	Assigned	Parker Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #25	6	4	Assigned	Taylor Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Taylor Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #26	6	4	Assigned	Lubbock Co
DSHS	REM	4	4	Assigned	Lubbock Co
DSHS	Area MEDL	1	1	Available	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	Tech Specialist	1	0	Available	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	Brazos Co
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	Brazos Co
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TDA	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TEA	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	SOC (Remote)
TMD	UH-60 ALAMO-01	5	1	Assigned	Lufkin
TMD	UH-60 SHINER-03	4	1	Assigned	Wichita Falls
TMD	UH-60 SHINER-04	9	1	Assigned	Austin
TMD	CH-47 TANDM-05	12	1	Assigned	Amarillo
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Available	SOC (Remote)
TPWD	Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TPWD	Game Wardens	20	20	Available	TDEM Region 1
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	DDEOC Amarillo and Lubbock
TPWD	UAS	2	4	Assigned	TDEM Region 1
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Local District Support	20	12	Assigned	Amarillo District

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is currently operating 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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