



**Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

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Event Name	26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026
Date	August 27, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM August 26, 2026, to 8:00 AM August 27, 2026
Report Number	170

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

As most of Texas has received little to no rainfall and experienced well above average temperatures, increased wildfire danger persists across the state. Multiple wildfires remain active across the state and state emergency response resources remain engaged in support of local officials.

On August 25, Governor Greg 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 Ross Fire in Palo Pinto and Jack Counties. State and local response personnel are actively engaged in suppression, containment, and public safety operations.

The Texas State Emergency Operations Center remains activated at Level II (Escalated Response) status in support of 26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026 and 26-0021 24AUG Ross Fire FM-5675.

On August 4, Governor 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)

Roberts County: Garden Springs has burned 28.5 acres and is 90 percent contained.

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

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.

Eastland County: Wilder Fire burned 8.7 acres and is 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 with the assistance of TDEM Regions 1, 3, 5, and the Incident Support Task Force (ISTF). [Partners from numerous state agencies and external partners are coordination on the response in the field and in the Regional Emergency Operations Center.](#)

On August 25, a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) was approved for the Ross Fire in Palo Pinto County, spanning into Jack County. [There are no mandatory evacuation orders in place in Palo Pinto or Jack Counties, there are no open shelters.](#)

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.

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). DDEOC 4 maintains Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) status.

Both DD03 and DD04 are responding to the cross-district Ross Fire in Palo Pinto County and Jack County: Ross has burned 85,000 acres and is 21 percent contained. With increased winds more spotting is occurring however local resources have been able to mitigate those fires. Texas AgriLife agents are working with locals on livestock losses and support. Throughout the day crews made progress on both the east and west flanks of the fire with dozers and engines. Aircraft support operated near the NE edge in Jack County.

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

As of August 26, 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 26, 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)

Lamar County: Lamar 7670 burned 80.8 acres and is contained.

Red River County: Red River 7691 burned 1 acre and is contained.

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

Camp County: Camp 7718 burned 1 acre and is contained.

Rusk County: Rusk 7707 burned 1.2 acres and is contained.

Upshur County: Upshur 7711 burned 1.5 acres and is contained.

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

Sabine County: Sabine 7695 burned 1 acre and is contained.

Trinity County: Trinity 7704 burned 10.45 acres and is contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19, 20, and 21)

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

As of August 25 at 8 pm, there are no state-supported wildfires in Region 5.

As of August 25, two Region 5 County Liaison Officers and one Voluntary Agency Liaison are assisting Region 2 on state-supported wildfires.

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

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)

DD10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties)

Schleicher County: Wind Farm has burned 40 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.

Coryell County: Yellow Square has burned 253 acres and is 95 percent contained.

Hamilton County: Rio Escondido has burned 2,713 acres and is 80 percent contained.

Lampasas County: Adams has burned 161 acres and is 95 percent contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) remains activated to Level II (Escalated Response) status in support of this fire incident. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

ESF-5 Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

They Incident Support Task Force has deployed personnel to Palo Pinto and Jack Counties in support of the 26-0021 24AUG Ross Fire response. Deployed personnel are assisting affected jurisdictions with donations management and EOC support. ISTF has 15 members on standby and ready 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):

AgriLife is monitoring fire weather conditions and SOC response activity in person for coverage. Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Specialists and County Extension Strike Team members are on standby to support any efforts associated with animal response or other fire weather response efforts as requested.

An AgriLife representative is activated to TDEM DDEOC 4 for situational awareness. AgriLife has 25 DAR Specialists and four Area Chiefs on stand-by.

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 803 personnel committed to this event.

As of August 25, 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):

As of August 25, TMD has activated 30 personnel and four aircraft of this response.

As of 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.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

Texas Game Wardens have identified resources ready to support as needed in response to the increased wildfire threat affecting the State of Texas. TPWD is working closely with TDEM and other ESF partners through the SOC to ensure resources are available if needed. Texas Game Wardens have responded to multiple wildfires in TDEM Regions 2 and 8.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

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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 State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is at limited activation and supporting the response. The SMOC is monitoring impacts to healthcare facilities in the impacted area. EMTF resources are supporting wildland fire fighting operations with force protection, evacuation assistance, rescue operations in the local impacted area and resource coordination with the TAMFS.

As of August 26, eight Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Packages are assigned, staged, and are assisting TAMFS throughout the TDEM Regions impacted by wildfires. On August 25, for the Ross Fire, DSHS EMTF has deployed four Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Packages, and activated two All Hazards Teams (AH), additional Wildland Paramedic Units (WPU), Ambulances, Rapid Extraction Module (REM) Teams, Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), and Medical Incident Support Teams (MIST).

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.

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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)

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	ISTF SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ	1	0	Assigned	Mineral Wells
TDEM	ISTF Regional Coordinator	1	0	Assigned	Region 2 REOC
TDEM	ISTF Regional Coordinator	1	0	Assigned	Mineral Wells
TDEM	ISTF Member	9	0	Assigned	Mineral Wells
TDEM	ISTF Member	1	0	En Route	Mineral Wells
TDEM	ISTF Member	5	0	Assigned	Jacksboro
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	36	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Incident Support	19	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Agency Reps	9	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Aviation	27	33	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 8
TAMFS	Out of State (Field Ops)	61	11	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 8
TAMFS	Field Operations	172	81	Assigned	Various
TIFMAS	ST Engine/Tender	266	51	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8
TIFAMS	Single Resource	0	23	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	DDEOC 4 Rep	1	0	Assigned	DDEOC 4
AgriLife	Administration	2	2	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing and Comm	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialist/Area Chief	29	15	Activated	Statewide

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	WLFS PKG #19	6	4	Assigned	Randall 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	Kerr Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #23	6	4	Assigned	Rusk Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #24	6	4	Assigned	Palo Pinto 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	2	Assigned	Lubbock Co
DSHS	Area MEDL	1	1	Available	Parker Co
DSHS	Tech Specialist	1	0	Available	Parker Co
DSHS	WLFS AMBUS #1	7	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	Brazos Co
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	Brazos Co
DSHS	AH Alpha	23	12	Assigned	Jack Co
DSHS	AH Bravo	23	12	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 21	6	4	Assigned	Wichita Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Wichita Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 24	6	4	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 25	6	4	Assigned	Taylor Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Taylor Co
DSHS	REM Merkel	4	2	Assigned	Taylor Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 28	6	4	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 29	6	4	Assigned	Hamilton Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	MEDL 2	1	1	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	Tech Specialist	1	0	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 27	6	4	Assigned	Kerr Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Hamilton Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 30	6	4	Assigned	Parker Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 31	6	4	Assigned	Jim Wells Co
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	Travis Co
DSHS	WLFS AMBUS 2-04	7	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto 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	Eastland
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	Eastland
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Available	Austin
TPWD	Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens/ State Park Police	43	43	Available	TDEM Regions 2 & 8
TPWD	EOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Hamilton Co
TPWD	EOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	DDEOC 4 Fort Worth
TPWD	Helicopters	2	2	Assigned	TDEM Region 2
TPWD	UAS	2	2	Assigned	TDEM Region 2
TPWD	TPWD State Parks Type 6 Engine	4	2	Assigned	TDEM Region 2
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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