



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026
Date	August 28, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM August 27, 2026, to 8:00 AM August 28, 2026
Report Number	171

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: High to extreme wildfire danger continues across northern portions of Teas. The state has experienced new wildfire starts on a daily basis over the past several days. 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.

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)

Hall County: Prairie Dog Fire has burned 21 acres and is 95 percent contained.

Roberts County: Garden Springs has burned 28.5 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)

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.

Shackelford County: Chimney Creek Fire has burned 154 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 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 (REOC).

On August 25, a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) was approved for the Ross Fire in Palo Pinto County, spanning into Jack County. As of August 27, there are no mandatory evacuation orders in place in Palo Pinto or Jack Counties, and one shelter remains open in Young County. [The Texas Department of Transportation \(TxDOT\) is working in coordination with state partners to mitigate road closures around the Ross Fire.](#)

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.

Palo Pinto County: Ross Fire has burned 85,0003 acres and is 26 percent contained.

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

As of August 27, 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)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties). The Corky Fire has caused voluntary evacuations as there are 30 structures threatened, with two lost.

Camp County: Camp 7718 Fire burned one acre and is contained.

Upshur County: Upshur 7731 Fire burned 12 acres and is contained.

Van Zandt County: Corky Fire burned 657 acres and is contained.

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

Houston County: Houston 7736 Fire burned 5.6 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.

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: Dos DuderStadt Fire has burned 165 acres and is 90 percent contained.

Kerr County: Turkey Fire has burned 74 acres and is 50 percent contained.

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties). The Pena Creek Fire has caused an evacuation with one structure lost.

Dimmit County: Pena Creek Fire has burned 400 acres and is 60 percent contained.

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 Fire burned 70 acres and is contained.

Sutton County: BR314 Fire has burned 60 acres and is 30 percent contained.

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

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties).

Leon County: Leon 7752 Fire burned 12.5 acres and is contained.

Madison County: Madison 7755 Fire burned 0.5 acres and is contained.

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 Fire has burned 253 acres and is 98 percent contained.

Hamilton County: Rio Escondido Fire has burned 2,713 acres and is 85 percent contained.

Lampasas County: Adams Fire has burned 161 acres and is 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):

The 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 standby. [As of August 27, AgriLife DAR Specialists and Area Chiefs are engaged in livestock assistance in TDEM Region 2.](#)

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 [587](#) personnel, with [20](#) Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Single Resource Engines/Tenders, [10](#) TIFMAS Wildland Engine Strike Teams, and a variety of aircraft, engines, dozers, and motor graders committed to this event.

[As of August 27, the TAMFS response to the Ross Fire in Palo Pinto and Jack Counties has a total of 187 personnel, 57 engines, tenders, heavy equipment, and 8 aircraft committed to the fire.](#)

Texas Military Department (TMD):

The Texas Military Department (TMD) is supporting TAMFS in suppressing wildland fires throughout the state of Texas.

As of August 27, TMD has activated [29](#) personnel and four aircraft for this response.

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.

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.

August 27:

TPWD Game Warden Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) teams are supporting local Law Enforcement and TAMFS with situational awareness and hot spot locating for the Rio Escondido and Ross wildfires.

TPWD Aviation teams have two helicopters supporting water drops for the Ross wildfire.

TPWD Game Wardens and Park Police are supporting local Law Enforcement with road closures and evacuations as needed.

TPWD Wildland Wildfire team has deployed two Type-6 Engines to support response efforts with the Ross wildfire.

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 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 27, the Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources continue to support Texas wildfire firefighting operations in the Texas Panhandle and portions of North, East and South Texas, providing force protection, evacuation assistance and rescue operations in coordination with 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.

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)
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
TAMFS	Command Staff	5	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	General Staff	20	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Operations	34	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Incident Support	20	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Agency Reps	9	0	Available	Regions 1, 2 & 5
TAMFS	Aviation	27	34	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 8
TAMFS	Out of State (Field Ops)	63	10	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 8
TAMFS	Field Operations	160	77	Assigned	Various
TIFMAS	ST Engine/Tender	255	51	Assigned	Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8
TIFAMS	Single Resource	0	20	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
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	AH Alpha	23	12	Assigned	Jack Co
DSHS	AH Bravo	23	12	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #19	6	4	Assigned	Randall Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #20	6	4	Assigned	Brown Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #21	6	4	Assigned	Wichita Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #22	6	4	Assigned	Lampasas Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #23	6	4	Assigned	Rusk Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #24	6	4	Assigned	Parker Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Parker Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG #25	6	4	Assigned	Taylor Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Taylor Co

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	WLFS PKG #26	6	4	Assigned	Lubbock Co
DSHS	Area MEDL	1	1	Available	Parker Co
DSHS	Tech Specialist	1	0	Available	Parker Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 27	6	4	Assigned	Kerr Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 28	6	4	Assigned	Parker Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Parker Co
DSHS	MEDL 2	1	1	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	Tech Specialist	1	0	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 29	6	4	Assigned	Lampasas Co
DSHS	WPU	2	2	Assigned	Hamilton Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 30	6	4	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	REM	4	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	WLFS PKG 31	6	4	Assigned	Jim Wells Co
DSHS	WLFS AMBUS 2-04	7	2	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	Palo Pinto Co
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	Travis 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)
TMD	UH-60 ALAMO-01	8	1	Assigned	Eastland Co
TMD	UH-60 SHINER-03	4	1	Assigned	Eastland Co
TMD	UH-60 SHINER-04	9	1	Assigned	Austin
TMD	CH-47 TANDM-05	8	1	Assigned	Eastland Co
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Available	Austin
TPWD	Aviation Helicopters	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

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TPWD	EOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Fort Worth
TPWD	Aviation 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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