Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center

Situation Awareness Brief

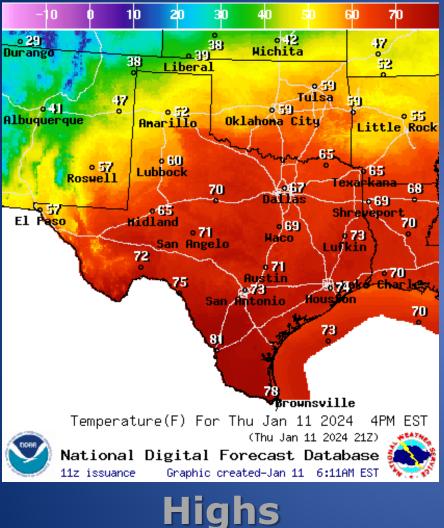


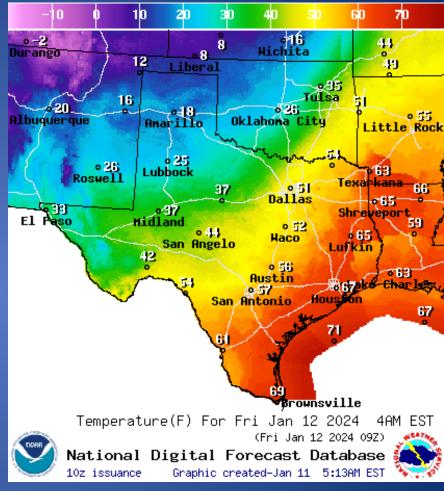
Thursday, January 11th, 2024 As of 0900 CDT

Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION			
01/10/24	4 Initial Report of a Boil Water Notice Montague Cou				
Inf	ormational Products Dist	ributed			
by the State Operations Center					
DATE	SUBJECT	SUBJECT			
01/10/24	NWS Fort Worth: Exceptionally Cold Next Week, Winter Weather Potential				
01/10/24	NWS Brownsville: Weather Update: Strong Winds Return on Friday, Coldest Temperatures of the Season Arrive Early Next Week				
01/10/24	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: Update - NWS Situational Awareness Briefing for Upcoming High Wind/Winter Weather Event				
01/10/24	ERCOT Press Release: ERCOT Issues Weather Watch				
01/11/24	NWS Austin/ San Antonio: Situation Report: Fire Weather/Wind Threat Friday, Arctic Air Sunday through Wednesday				
01/11/24	NWS Lake Charles, LA: Tonight's Severe Weather and Next Week Cold Plunge				
01/11/24	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024,	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, for FEMA Region 6			
01/11/24	NWS Houston/Galveston: Hazardous Weather Outloo	k			

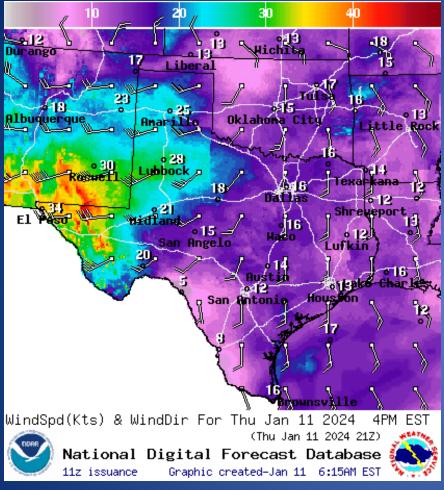
Weather Forecast

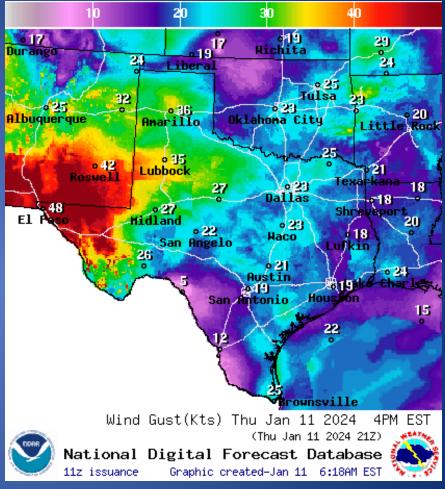




Lows

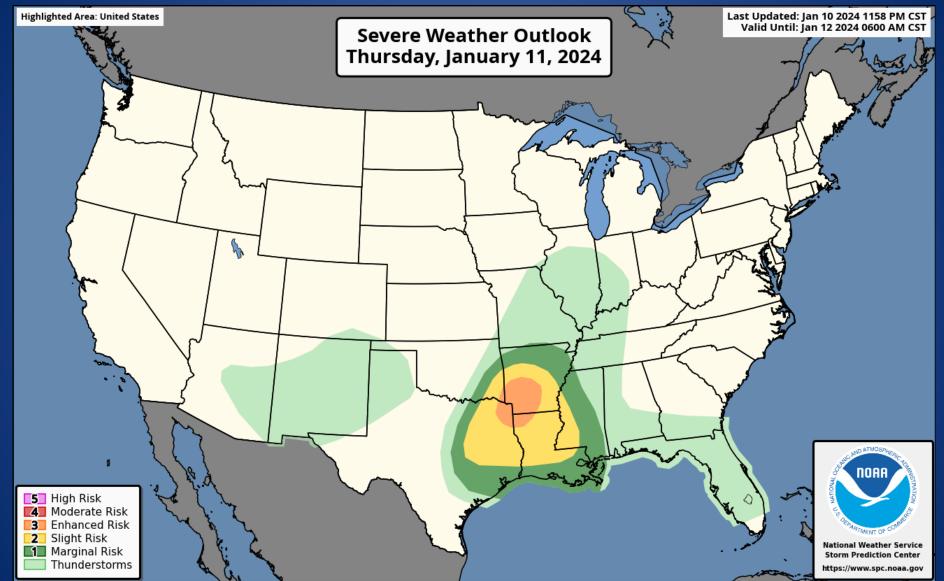
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Gusts

Wind Speeds

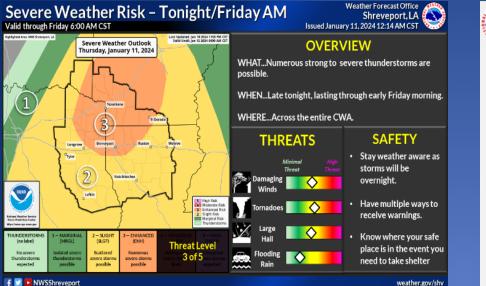




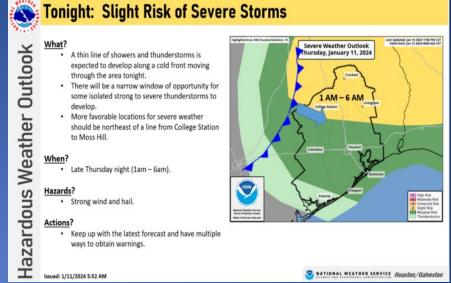
Windy and dry conditions will lead to elevated fire weather concerns across much of the South Plains and southern Rolling Plains. A Rangeland Fire Danger Statement is in effect from 11 AM until 7 PM.



The first of two strong cold fronts will arrive Thursday night into Friday. A few strong to severe storms with hail and damaging winds will be possible east of the I-35 corridor. There is a low, but non-zero, tornado threat for far eastern North and Central Texas. Most of the showers and storms will exit to the east by early Friday morning, but there will be a brief period in which a rain-snow mix may occur along the Red River. If this occurs, there will be no accumulations.

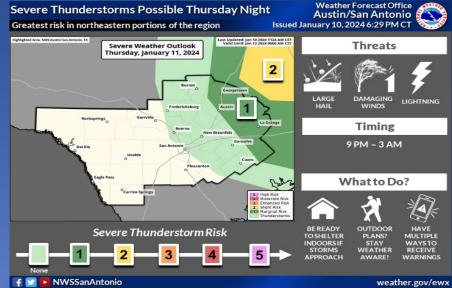


The chance of severe weather will return by Thursday evening into early Friday as the next major storm system takes aim on the region. Damaging winds, large hail and tornadoes will all be possible.

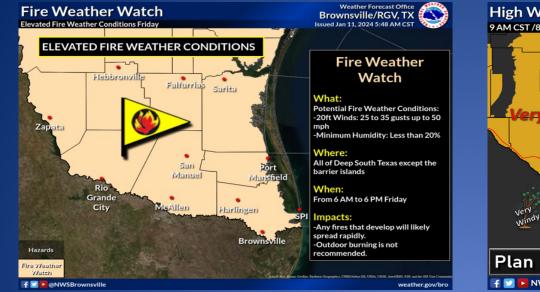


Slight chance for severe storms tonight across northern parts of the area





Isolated strong to severe storms are possible Thursday Night across northeasterly portions of South-Central Texas. Primary hazards would be strong winds, large hail and frequent cloud-toground lightning.



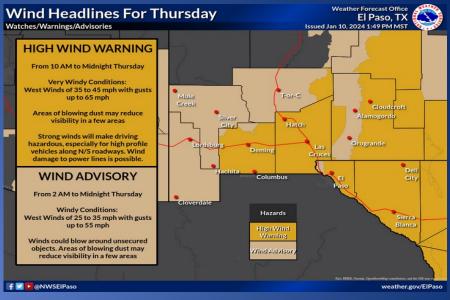
A Fire Weather Watch is in effect for Friday for all but the barrier island. Strong northwest winds will likely combine with sharply falling relative humidity and quickly drying grasses and brush to produce favorable conditions for rapidly spreading wildfires. Prevent wildfires by refraining from any burning, and park vehicles away from grass and brush.



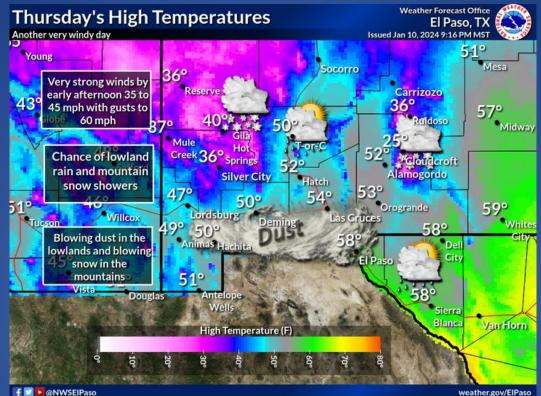
A High Wind Warning is in effect from 9 AM CST /8 AM MST/ this morning to 8 AM CST /7 AM MST Friday for Southeast New Mexico and most of West Texas along and west of the Pecos. West winds 40-65 mph, with gusts up to 95 mph, are expected in the mountains. West winds 35-50 mph, with gusts up to 75 mph, are expected on the plains. Blowing dust may reduce visibility at times.



A Rangeland Fire Danger Statement for elevated fire weather conditions is in effect through 8 PM CST for the Davis and Chinati Mountains, Chisos Basin, Davis Mountain Foothills, Marfa Plateau, central and lower Brewster County, Pecos and Terrell Counties, and Presidio Valley. Relative humidity as low as 7% and west winds 30 to 45 mph gusting up to 60 mph are expected to result in elevated fire weather conditions. Avoid use of open flames or any activities that may generate sparks, and secure loose chains on vehicles to avoid them dragging when you drive. Observe local burn bans and avoid driving or parking over grassy areas.



High Wind Warning is in effect

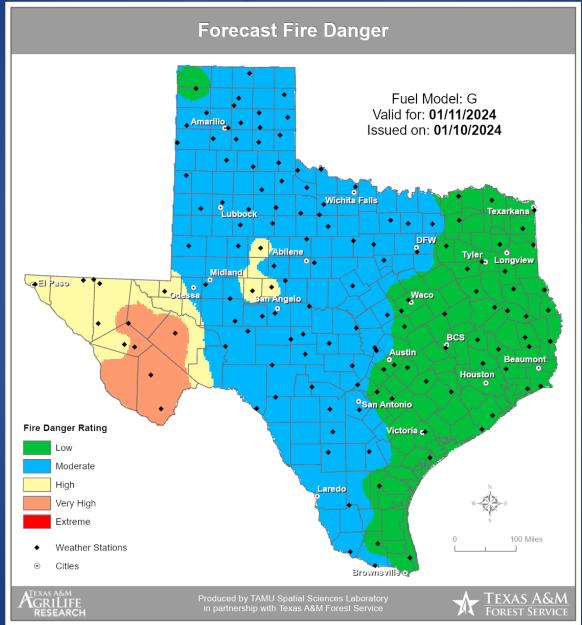


Thursday will bring another round of strong winds to the region. By the afternoon we will have west winds of 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 60 mph. These winds will produce areas of reduced visibilities in the lowlands due to blowing dust and in the mountains due to blowing snow. The winds will slow after sunset.

Weather Warnings/Advisories Issued

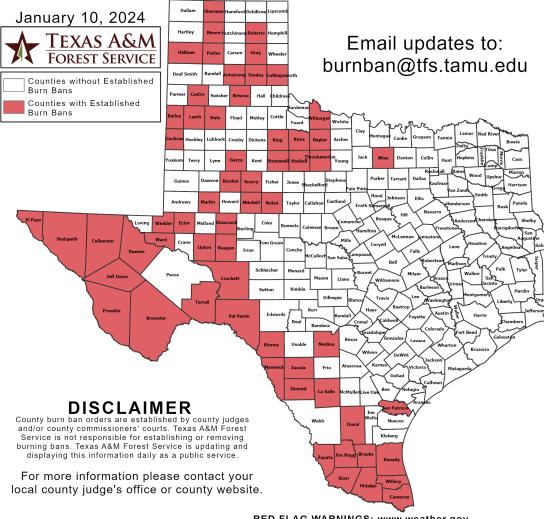
DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
01/11/24	High Wind Warning	El Paso and Hudspeth Counties

Fire Danger Forecast



Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS



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Armstrong	Hale	Reagan
Bailey	Haskell	Reeves
Baylor	Hidalgo	Roberts
Borden	Hudspeth	San Patrici
Brewster	Jeff Davis	Scurry
Briscoe	Jim Hogg	Sherman
Brooks	Kenedy	Starr
Cameron	King	Stonewall
Castro	Kinney	Terrell
Cochran	Knox	Throckmort
Collingswor	thLamb	Upton
Crockett	La Salle	Val Verde
Culberson	Martin	Ward
Dimmit	Maverick	Wilbarger
Donley	Medina	Willacy
Duval	Mitchell	Winkler
Ector	Moore	Wise
El Paso	Nolan	Zapata
Garza	Oldham	Zavala
Glasscock	Potter	
Gray	Presidio	

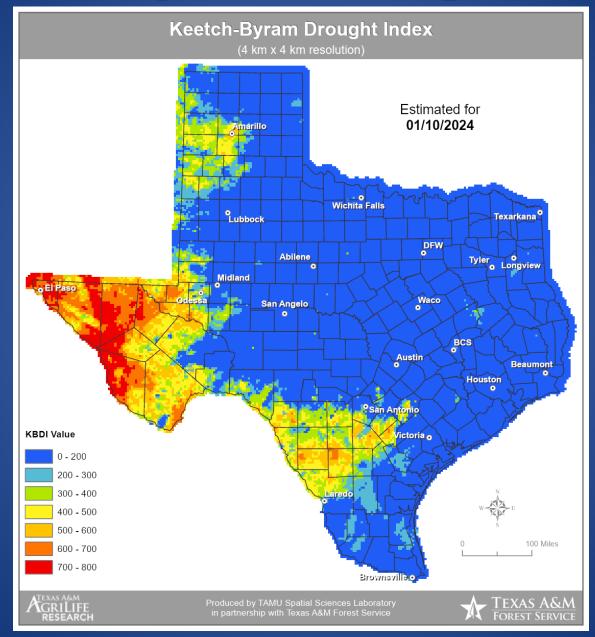
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Counties with Burn Bans: 61

RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov Additional map formats available at https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

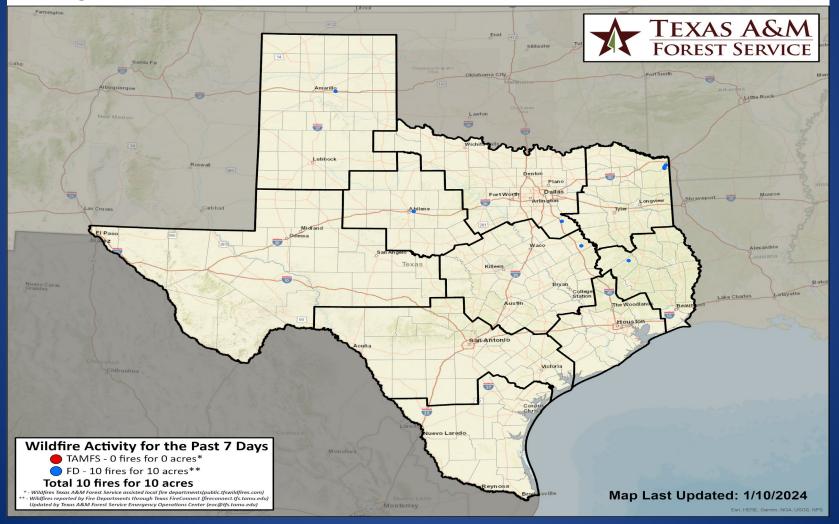


Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
01/11/24	Fire Danger Statement	Bailey, Brewster, Cochran, Crosby, Culberson, Garza, Hockley, Jeff Davis, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Stonewall, Terrell, Terry and Yoakum Counties

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 0 (no change) fires and 0 (no change) acres have been burned this year. There are 61 (no change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list contains 17 (no change) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
01/08/24	01/11/24	sUAS for Public Safety Personnel	H-600	Aransas Pass
01/08/24	01/11/24	sUAS for Public Safety Personnel	H-600	Rockwall
01/08/24	01/12/24	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	E/L-954	Austin
01/08/24	01/12/24	Advanced II – Assessment of Teams in Professional Emergency Management	E/L-452	Austin
01/09/24	01/11/24	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	Austin
01/09/24	01/11/24	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, ICS 300	G/ICS-300	Plainview
01/09/24	01/11/24	Texas Disaster Accounting 101	T-600	Portland
01/10/24	01/12/24	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, ICS 300	G/ICS-300	Houston
01/10/24	01/12/24	Texas Disaster Accounting 101	T-600	Denton

Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
01/11/24	01/12/24	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents, ICS 400	G/ICS-400	Victoria
01/11/24	01/12/24	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents, ICS 400	G/ICS-400	Magnolia

Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
01/11/24	02/02/24	Fort Worth	Stock Show Parade