

Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center

Situation Awareness Brief



Thursday, March 20th, 2025
As of 0900 CDT

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

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
03/19/25	Final Report of the Jasper 1481 Fire	Jasper County
03/19/25	Update Report of the Devils Canyon Fire (formerly the Old Glory Fire)	Stonewall County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of the 1489 Fire	Montgomery County
03/19/25	Update Report #3 of the High Lonesome Fire	Dallam County
03/19/25	Update Report #4 of the High Lonesome Fire	Dallam County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of the 194 Hale Fire	Hale County
03/19/25	Initial Report of a Grass Fire	Marion County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the MI Fire	Hidalgo County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the County Road 311 Wildland Fire	Comanche County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of the Rusk 1530 Fire	Rusk County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Melon Creek Brush Fire	Refugio County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Medina 1540 Fire	Medina County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Upshur 1537 Fire	Upshur County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Upshur 1547 Fire	Upshur County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Smith 1538 Fire	Smith County

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03/19/25	Final Report of the Upshur 1547 Fire	Upshur County
03/19/25	Update Report of the 3001 Fire	Marion County
03/19/25	Final Report of the Upshur 1537 Fire	Upshur County
03/19/25	Update Report of the Melon Creek Brush Fire	Refugio County
03/19/25	Final Report of the Smith 1538 Fire	Smith County
03/19/25	Update Report #3 of the Devils Canyon Fire	Stonewall County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Greg 1564 Fire	Gregg County
03/19/25	Final Report of the Windy Choo Choo Fire	Comanche County
03/19/25	Final Report of the 405 CR 574	Medina County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of the Gregg 1557 Fire	Gregg County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the Three Oaks II Brushfire	Wilson County
03/19/25	Update Report #2 of the Double S Fire	Hutchinson County
03/19/25	Final Report of the Duderstadt Fire	Gillespie County
03/19/25	Final Report of the Windmill Fire	Roberts County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of a Grass Fire	Harris County
03/19/25	Update Report of the Valley Oak Fire	Medina County

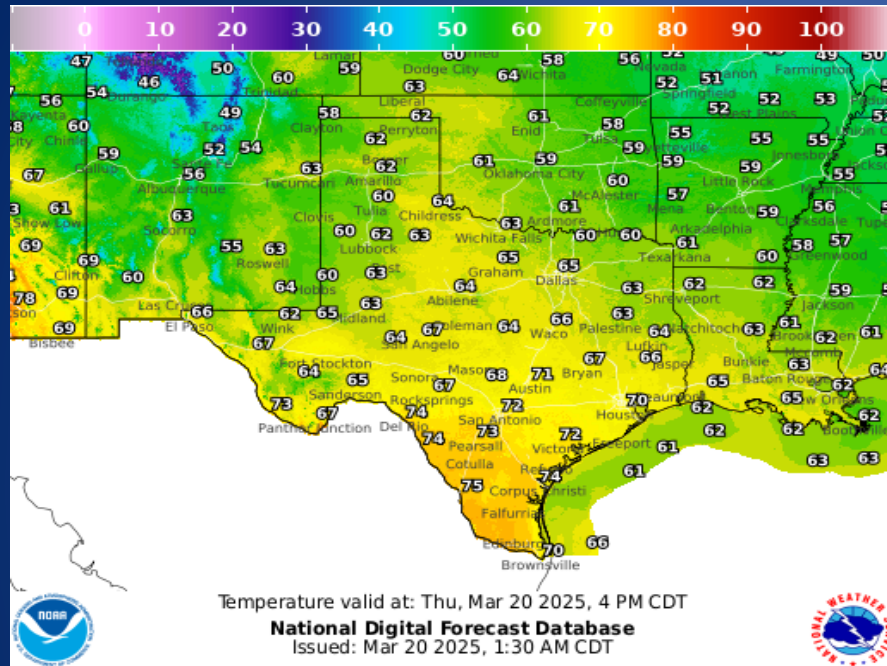
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03/19/25	Initial Report of the Duval 1573 Fire	Duval County
03/19/25	Update Report of the Three Oaks II Brushfire	Wilson County
03/19/25	Update Report of the Magnum Fire (Duval 1573)	Duval County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of Jackson Est Fire	Walker County
03/19/25	Initial and Update Report of the Sarco Creek Fire	Goliad County
03/19/25	Final Report of the Quincy Fire	Hale County
03/19/25	Initial and Final Report of the 2261 Elm Creek Road Fire	Guadalupe County
03/19/25	Initial Report of the 405 CR 574 Fire	Medina County
03/19/25	Update Report #3 of the Crabapple Fire	Gillespie County
03/19/25	Update Report of the Gregg 1564 Fire	Gregg County
03/19/25	Preliminary Earthquake Report (M3.2)	Culberson County
03/20/25	Preliminary Earthquake Report (M3.0)	Culberson County
03/20/25	Final Report of the Brush Fire	Hidalgo County
03/20/25	Final Report of the Road Closure of US-83	Dimmit County
03/20/25	Final Report of the Structure Fire	Wilson County

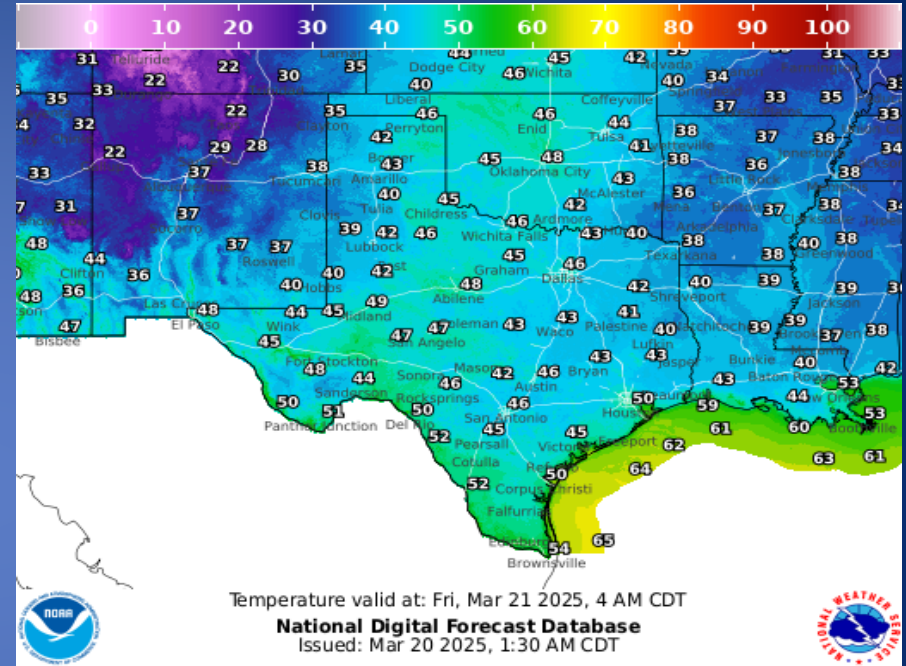
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DATE	SUBJECT
03/20/25	NWS Houston/Galveston: Elevated Fire Weather Conditions Expected Today
03/20/25	NWS Lake Charles, LA: DSS Packet Fire Weather
03/20/25	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: NWS Weather Hazards Outlook for Thursday March 20th

Weather Forecast

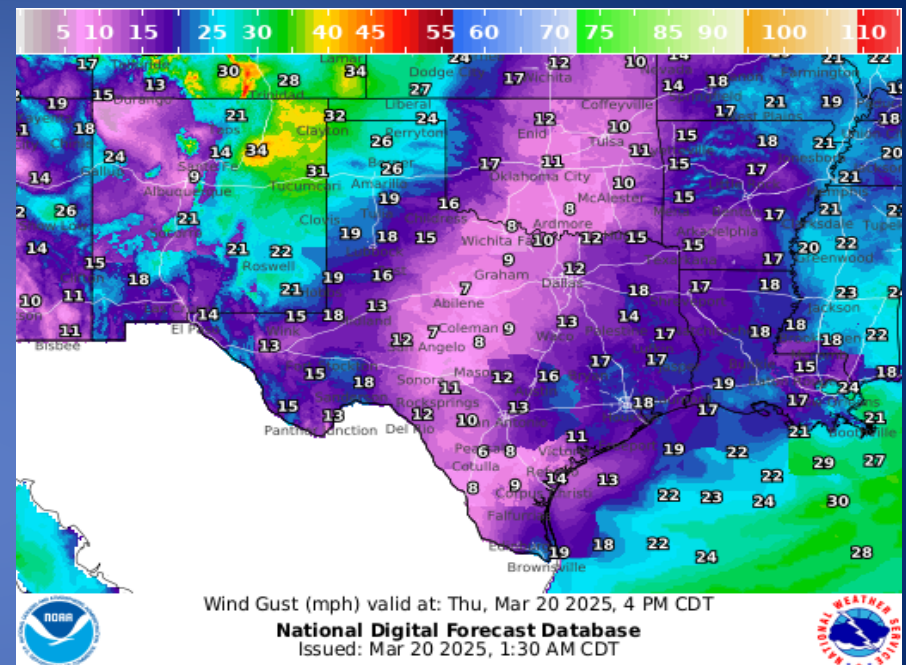
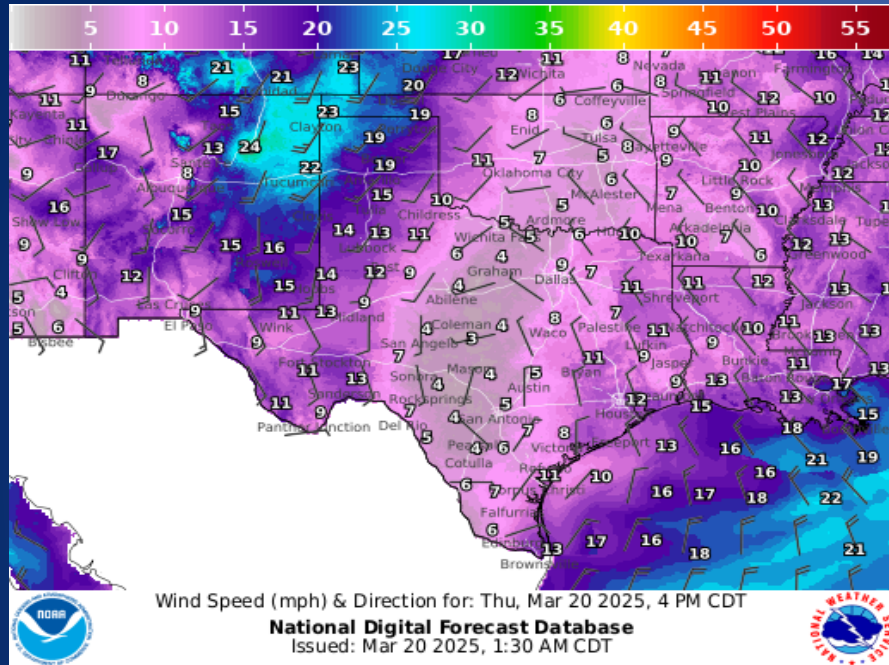


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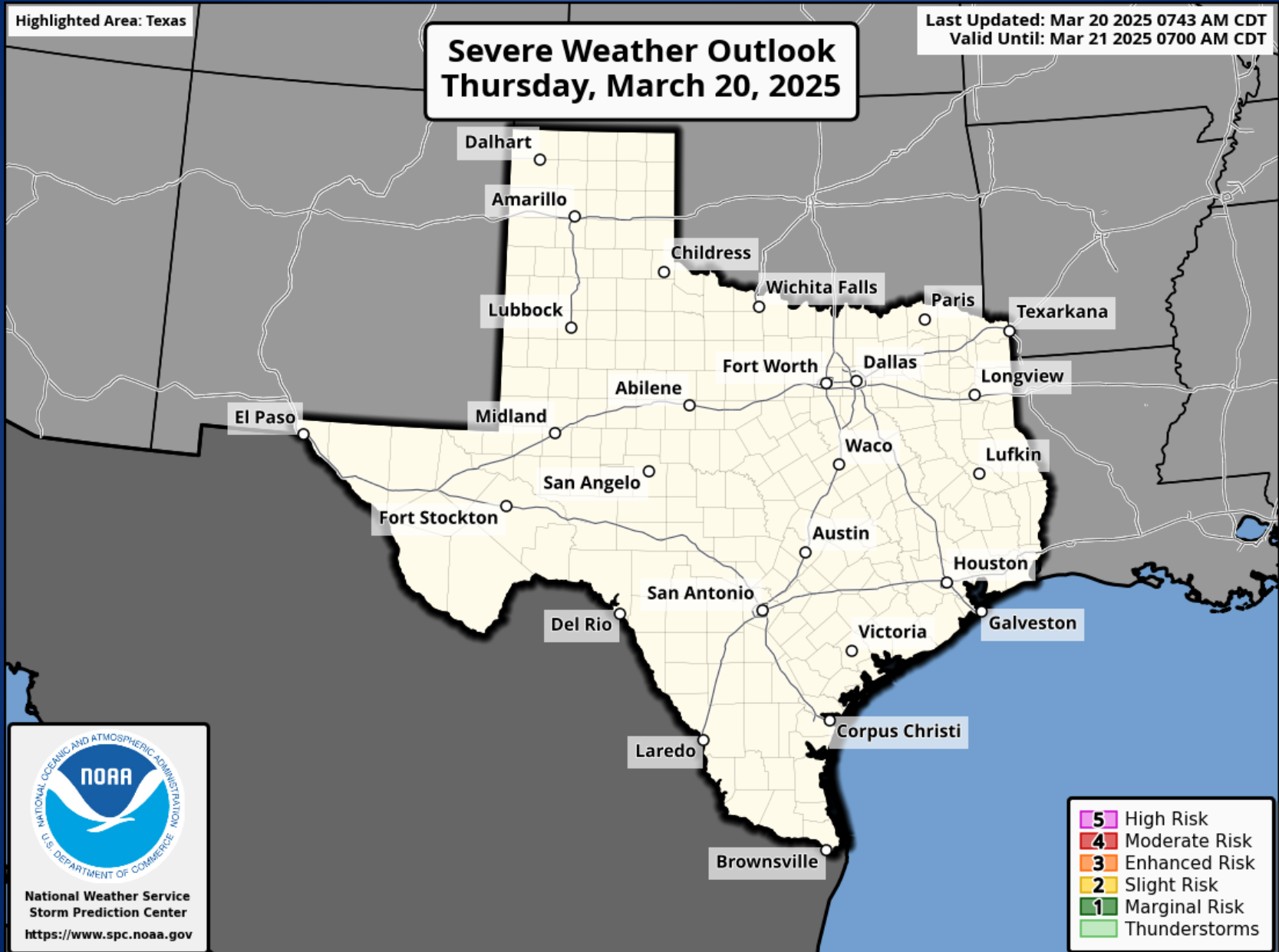
Weather Forecast



Wind Speeds

Gusts

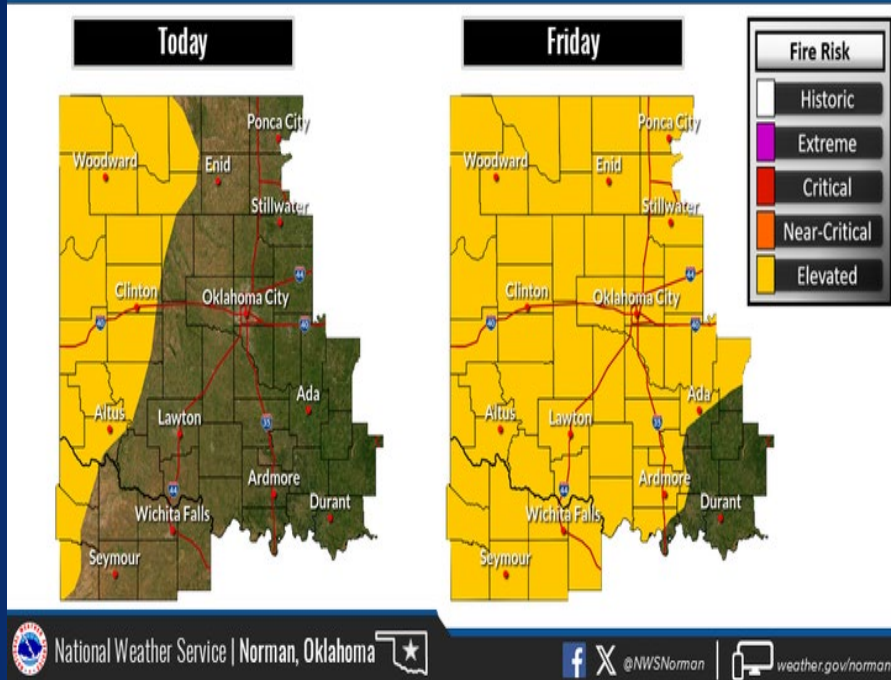
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Hazardous Weather

Elevated Fire Danger Continues

March 20, 2025
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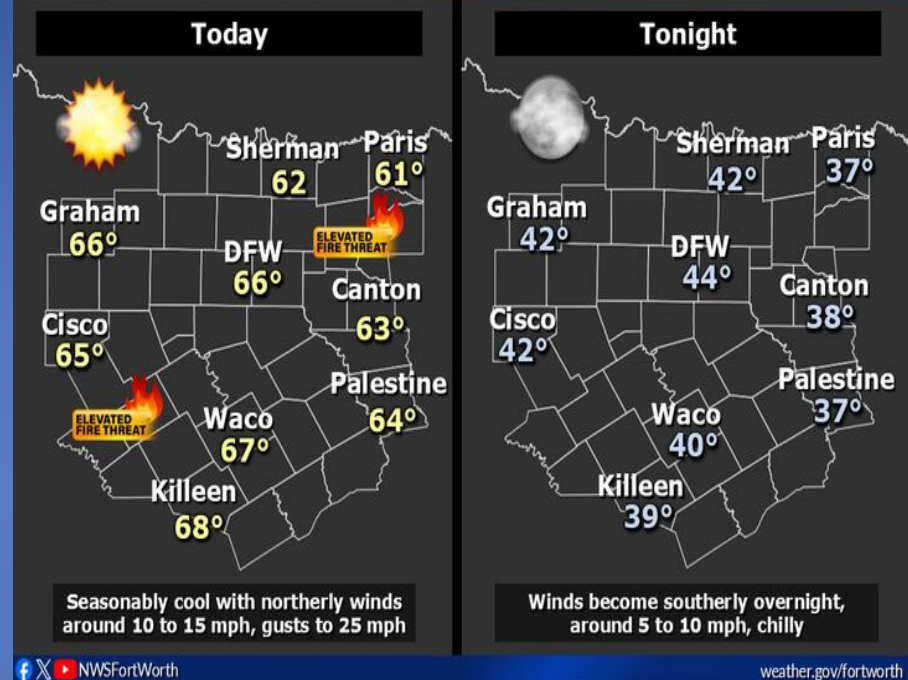
Elevated fire weather conditions are expected today for parts of western Oklahoma and adjacent north Texas. On Friday, fire danger expands across central Oklahoma and a cold front bringing a wind shift.

Elevated Fire Threat Continues

Seasonably cool with clear skies and north winds

Weather Forecast Office
Fort Worth, TX

Issued March 20, 2025 3:39 AM CT



Despite seasonably cool weather conditions today and lighter winds, an elevated fire weather threat will continue for much of the region due to dry fuels and low afternoon humidity values between 15-25%. Another chilly night is in store for all of North and Central Texas tonight.

Hazardous Weather

Elevated Fire Danger Today

From 9 AM Today through 5 PM This Evening



- Southeast Oklahoma
- Southwest Arkansas
- Northeast Texas
- Northern Louisiana



- Wind 10-20 mph with higher gusts
- Rel. Humidity near 15-20%
- Rapidly Drying Fuels



- Avoid open flames or sparks
- Keep vehicles off dry grass
- Properly discard cigarettes



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National Weather Service - Shreveport, LA

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Updated: Thu Mar 20, 2025 2:44 AM

The Elevated Fire Danger threat continues into Thursday because of strong northwest winds, very low afternoon humidity. Conditions will improve this evening.

Red Flag Warning

Today from 9 AM to 7 PM CDT.



Central, South Central, Southwest Louisiana, as Southeast Texas



Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph with relative humidity values as low as 15-20%.



Avoid activities that cause open flames or sparks. Properly discard of cigarettes. Avoid parking on dry grass and check trailers for dragging chains.



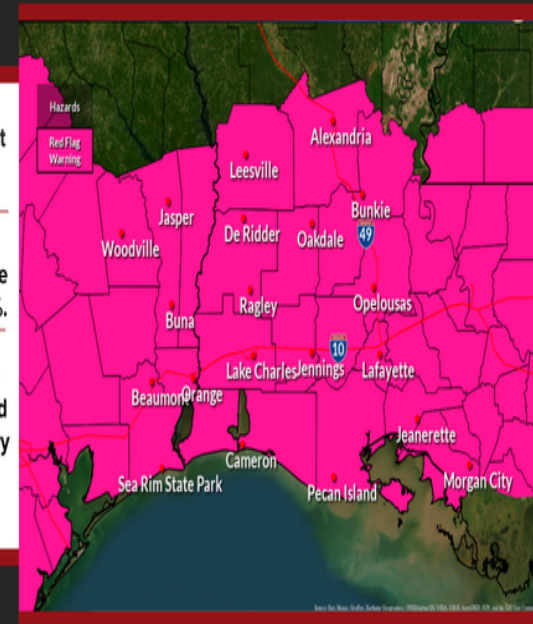
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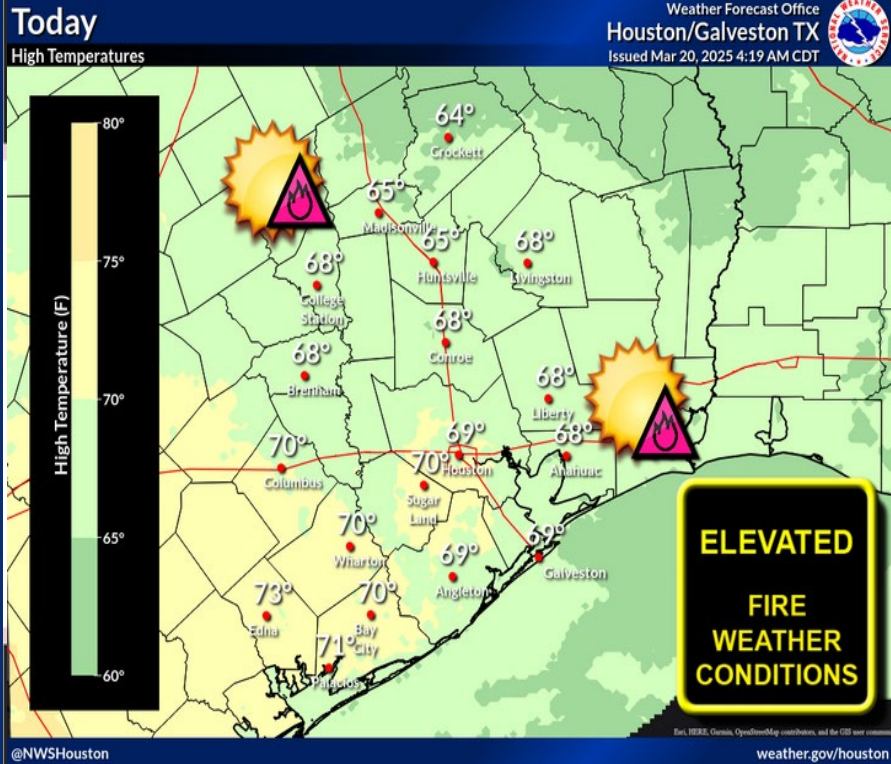
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Very dry air moving into the area on gusty winds behind a cold front will produce RH values as low as 15-20% along with wind gusts of up to 30 MPH Thursday afternoon. These conditions will favor the rapid expansion of fires. Refrain from burning while these conditions are present.



Hazardous Weather



Sunny skies with highs in the upper 60s-low 70s. Elevated Fire Weather Conditions expected today.

Red Flag Warning

Latest info at weather.gov/houston

In Effect Today From 1 PM Through 7 PM



Southeast Texas

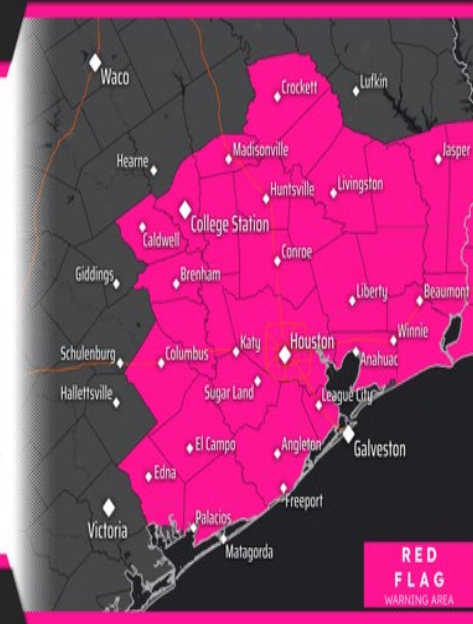


- Wind Gusts 25mph
- Rel. Humidity as low as 18%
- Rapidly Drying Fuels
- Obey burn bans and other restrictions
- Avoid using anything that can cause sparks over dry vegetation
- Do not park on dry grass
- Report any fires to local officials



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HOUSTON/GALVESTON

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Hazardous Weather

Fire Danger Statement

In Effect from 10 AM to 9 PM Today



All of South Texas



- N/NE wind 10-15 mph
- Rel. Humidity as low as 9-14%
- Critically Dry Fuels



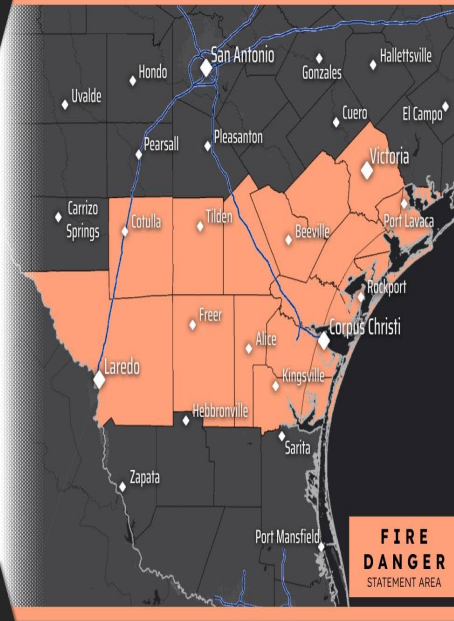
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- Keep vehicles off dry grass
- Properly discard cigarettes



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There is a Fire Danger Statement in effect from 10 AM to 9 PM today for all of South Texas due to the combination of northerly winds at around 10-15 mph, critically dry fuels, and minimum relative humidity values from 9-14%.

Small Craft Advisory

Through 7 AM Bays | 1 PM Nearshore & Offshore



- Bays and Waters from Baffin Bay to Matagorda Shipping Channel out 60 NM



SEAS

- Bays Choppy-Occ. Rough
- 7-10 feet

WIND

- N 15-30 Knots
- Gusts to 35 Knots



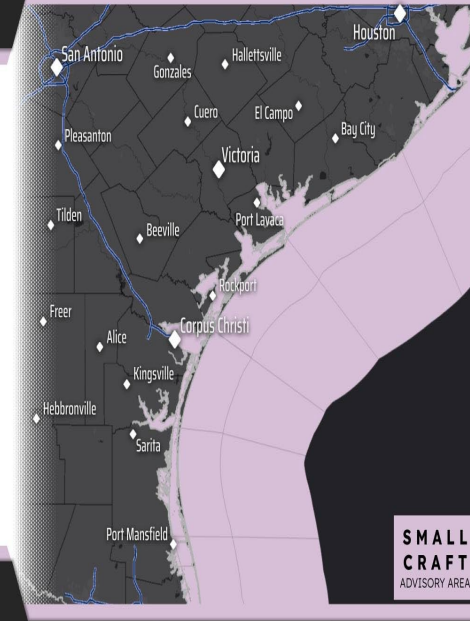
- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.



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A Small Craft Advisory remains in effect through 7 AM today for the bays, and through 1PM for the nearshore and offshore waters. North winds of 15-30 knots could gust to 35 knots. Seas will reach 7-10 feet. Inexperienced mariners in small craft are urged to avoid these conditions.

Hazardous Weather

Small Craft Advisory

Until 11 AM Today (Laguna) and 5 PM Today (Gulf)



- Gulf Waters (0-60 nm)
- Laguna Madre



- SEAS**
- 6-10 Ft
- WIND**
- N 20-25 KT



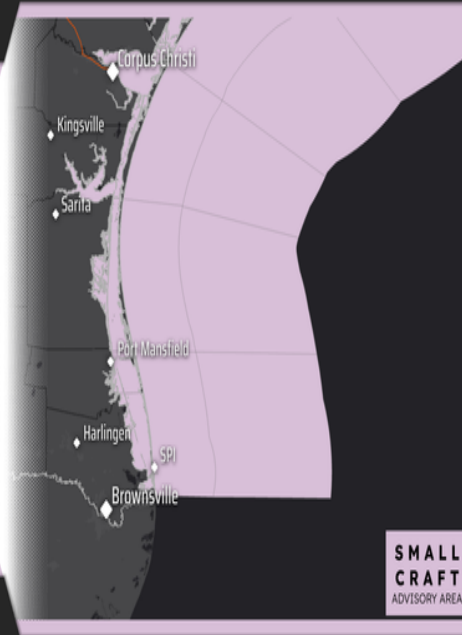
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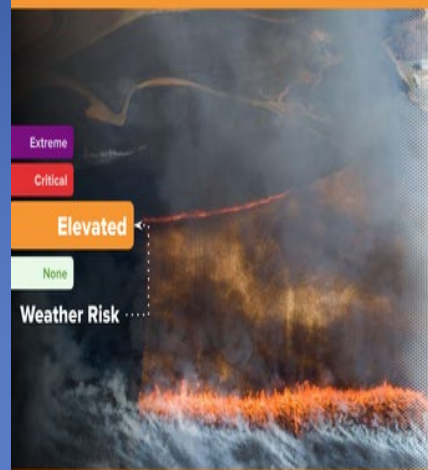


Small Craft Advisories remain in effect for the Laguna Madre and the Gulf of America waters.

Elevated Fire Weather Conditions

Eastern Hill Country, I-35 Corridor, and Coastal Plains
Mid/Late Morning to Early Afternoon

Increased Risk for Fire Spread



What to Expect

Dry air and breezy winds will lead to **elevated to near critical fire weather conditions** for the Eastern Hill Country, I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains mid/late morning into the afternoon.

Rangeland Fire Danger Statement In Effect
10 AM – 3 PM

Actions to take...

- Make sure chains are not dragging from your car
- Don't drive on dry grass
- Avoid outdoor burning
- Properly discard cigarettes



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Updated: Thu Mar 20, 2025 1:54 AM


With dry air persisting over South-Central Texas, elevated critical fire weather conditions will develop today across the region, with higher potential over the eastern Hill Country, I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains. Avoid outdoor burning if possible.

Hazardous Weather



Elevated Fire Danger Today

March 20, 2025
1:31 AM



This afternoon through the evening


RELATIVE HUMIDITY
As low as **6%**




Southeast New Mexico and the Guadalupe Mountains

WINDS
South 10 to 20 mph with some higher gusts


PLAN >>> **PREPARE** >>> **ACT**




Properly dispose of cigarettes



Secure loose chains and don't let them drag while you drive



If you see smoke or a fire, report it immediately



Obey any burn bans in effect for your location



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Midland/Odessa, TX

Though winds will be much lighter today, elevated fire weather conditions will persist due to the continued very dry conditions, especially in Southeast New Mexico and in the Guadalupe Mountains. As a result, a Rangeland Fire Danger Statement has been issued for these locations this afternoon through the evening.

Red Flag Warning Today

From 1 PM until 8 PM CDT Thursday

Avoid activities that may cause a spark
Check out [weather.gov](#) for more information.



The extreme southwestern Texas Panhandle and northwestern South Plains



Southwest at
15-20 mph



Gusts up to
25 mph



Relative humidity of 7 to 10 percent



Fire Danger

Low Elevated **Critical** Extreme

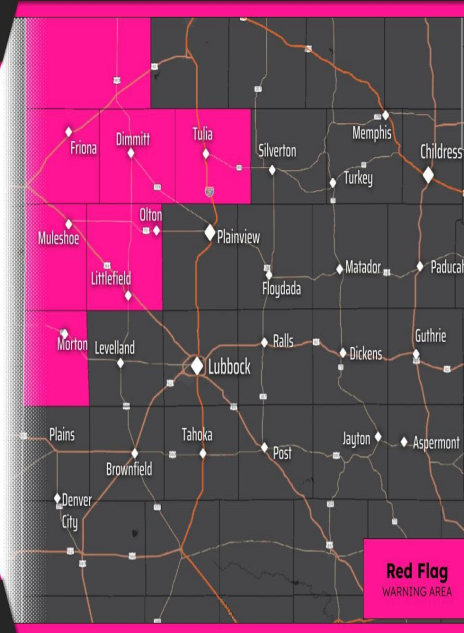


REPORT FIRES
TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES



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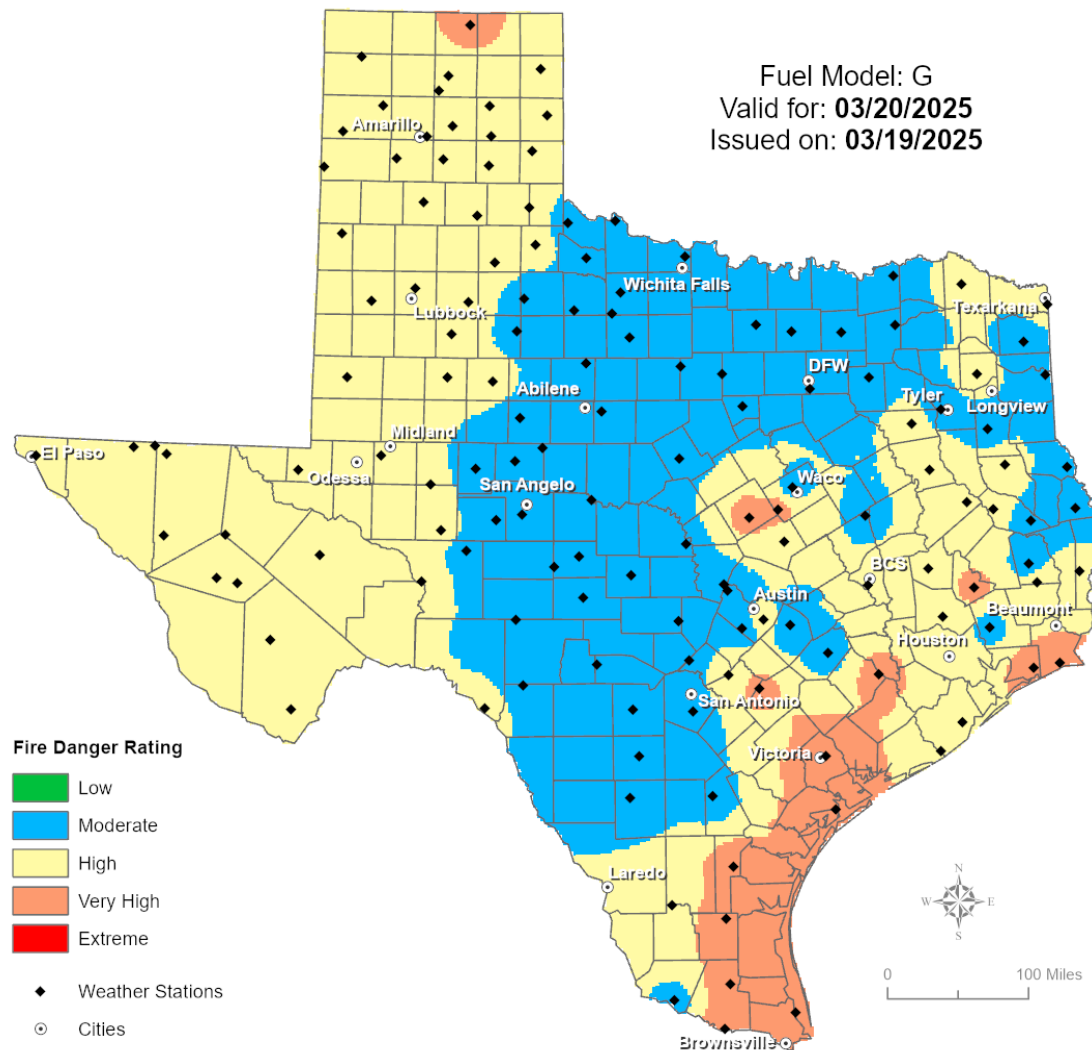
A Red Flag Warning is in effect for the extreme southwestern Texas Panhandle and northwestern South Plains from 1 PM until 8 PM.

Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/19/25	Wind Advisory	Angelina, Bowie, Brazoria, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Deaf Smith, Franklin, Galveston, Gregg, Harris, Harrison, Liberty, Marion, Morris, Matagorda, Nacogdoches, Oldham, Panola, Randall, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, and Wood Counties
03/19/25	Blowing Dust Advisory	Andrews, Borden, Coke, Crane, Crockett, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Loving, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties
03/19/25	Small Craft Advisory	Aransas, Cameron, Jefferson, Kenedy, Matagorda, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio and Willacy Counties
03/19/25	Low Water Advisory	Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston and Harris Counties
03/19/25	Airport Weather Warning	Dallas, Jefferson, Nueces, Orange, Tarrant, Potter and Randall Counties
03/20/25	Small Craft Advisory	Aransas, Calhoun, Cameron, Galveston, Kenedy, Kleberg, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio and Willacy Counties

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger





Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

March 20, 2025



 Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans

Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

Counties with Burn Bans:142

Aransas	Fayette	Newton
Archer	Fisher	Nolan
Armstrong	Floyd	Nueces
Atascosa	Frio	Oldham
Ballay	Garza	Palo Pinto
Bandera	Gillespie	Parker
Bastrop	Glasscock	Pecos
Baylor	Goliad	Presidio
Bee	Hale	Randall
Bell	Hardeman	Reagan
Bexar	Hartley	Real
Blanco	Hays	Reeves
Borden	Hemphill	Refugio
Brazos	Hidalgo	Roberts
Brewster	Howard	Robertson
Briscoe	Hudspeth	Runnels
Brooks	Hutchinson	San Patricio
Brown	Jeff Davis	San Saba
Burnet	Jim Hogg	Schleicher
Caldwell	Jim Wells	Scurry
Calhoun	Johnson	Sherman
Callahan	Jones	Starr
Carson	Karnes	Stonewall
Castro	Kendall	Sutton
Childress	Kenedy	Swisher
Clay	Kerr	Taylor
Cochran	Kimble	Terrell
Coke	King	Throckmorton
Coleman	Kinney	Tom Green
Collingsworth	Kleberg	Travis
Colorado	Knox	Upshur
Comal	Lampasas	Upton
Comanche	La Salle	Uvalde
Concho	Lavaca	Val Verde
Crane	Lipscomb	Ward
Crockett	Llano	Wheeler
Crosby	Lynn	Wichita
Culberson	McCulloch	Wilbarger
Dallam	Martin	Willacy
Deaf Smith	Mason	Wilson
Dimmit	Maverick	Winkler
Donley	Medina	Wise
Duval	Milam	Yoakum
Eastland	Mills	Young
Edwards	Mitchell	Zapata
El Paso	Moore	Zavala
Erath	Morris	
Fannin	Navarro	

DISCLAIMER

County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

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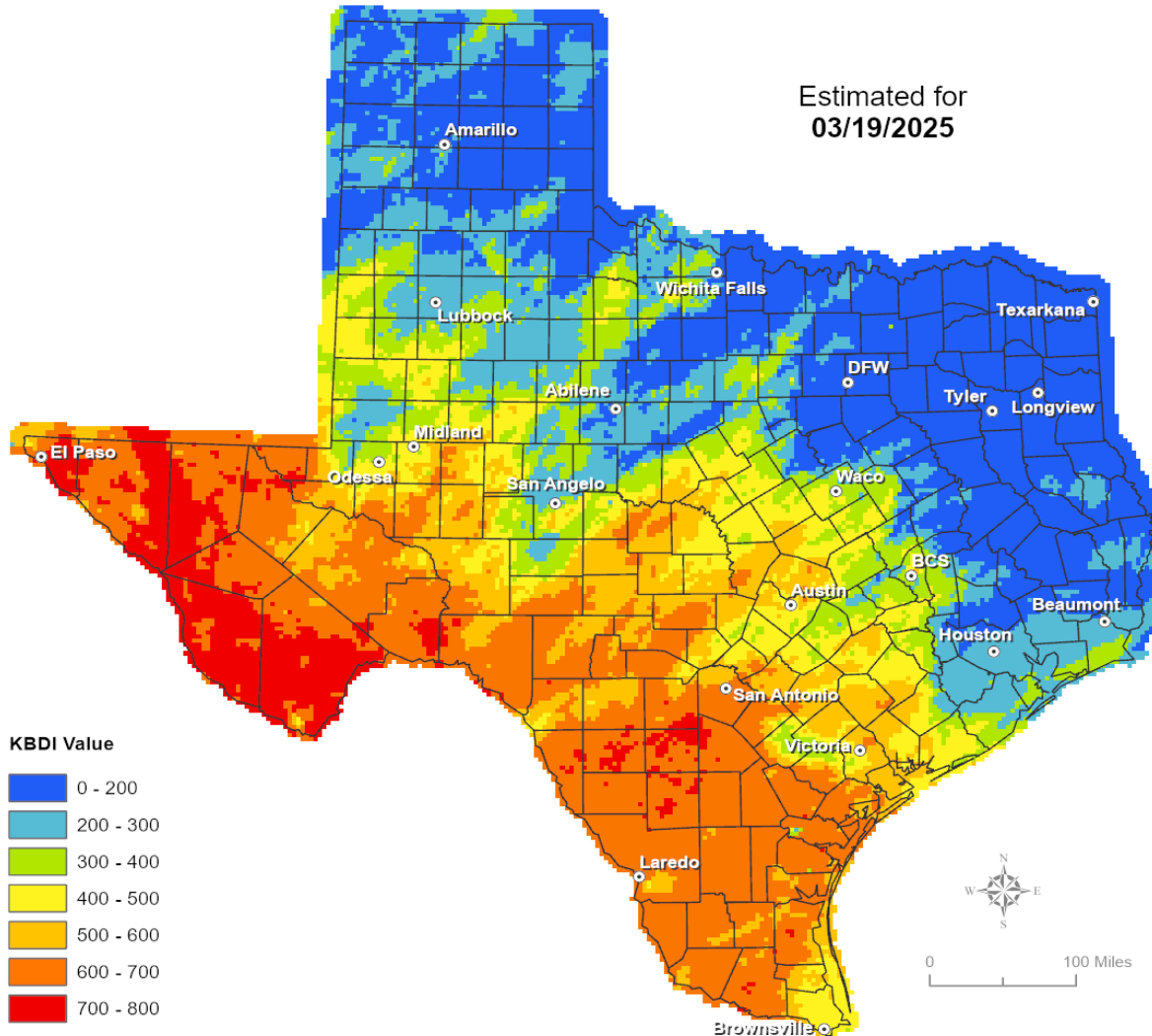
RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov
Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
03/19/2025



Fire Weather

Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/19/25	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Carson, Cochran, Collingsworth, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hardin, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lipscomb, Moore, Newton, Oldham, Orange, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Tyler, and Wheeler Counties
03/19/25	Fire Weather Watch	Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, and Oldham Counties
03/20/25	Red Flag Warning	Austin, Bailey, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Castro, Chambers, Cochran, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Houston, Jackson, Lamb, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Parmer, Polk, San Jacinto, Swisher, Trinity, Walker, Waller, Washington, and Wharton Counties

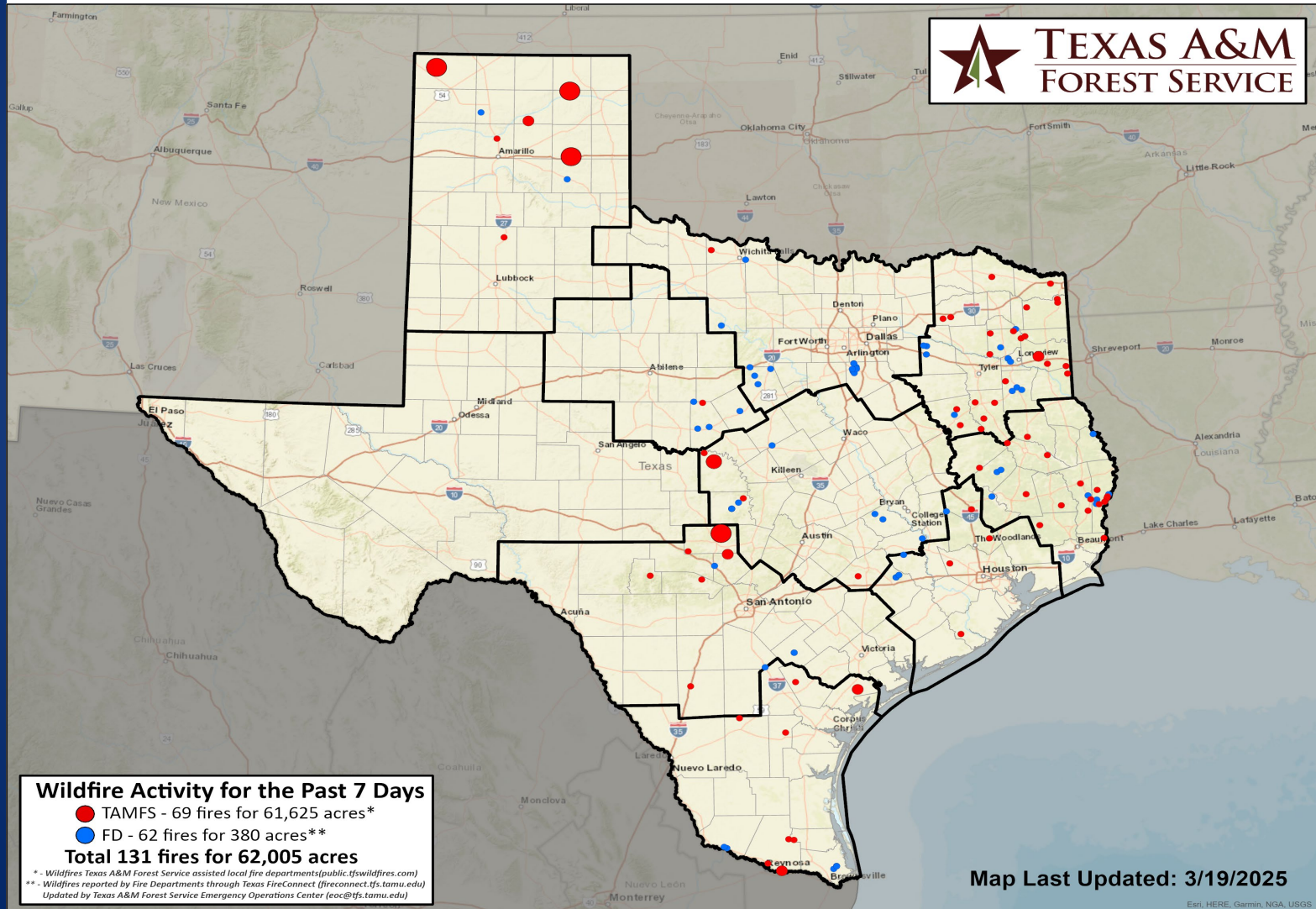
Fire Weather

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03/20/25	Fire Danger Statement	Angelina, Aransas, Armstrong, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Blanco, Bowie, Briscoe, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Camp, Carson, Cass, Cherokee, Childress, Collingsworth, Comal, Cottle, Crosby, Culberson, DeWitt, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Franklin, Garza, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Harrison, Hays, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kent, King, Kleberg, Knox, La Salle, Lavaca, Lee, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Lubbock, Lynn, Marion, McMullen, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Nueces, Ochiltree, Panola, Potter, Randall, Red River, Refugio, Roberts, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Stonewall, Terry, Titus, Travis, Upshur, Victoria, Webb, Wheeler, Williamson, Wilson, Wood, and Yoakum Counties

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 171 (+14) fires and 27,787 (+15,516) acres have been burned this year. There are 142 (+3) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list contains 101 (+2) counties with an average over 400.



Training

Dates		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
03/17/25	03/21/25	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	O-305	San Antonio
03/20/25	03/21/25	Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance	G-108	Eagle Pass
03/20/25	03/21/25	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Lubbock
03/20/25	03/21/25	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training Course	L-146	Edinburg

Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
03/06/25	03/23/25	Houston	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
03/16/25	03/25/25	Arlington	CONCACAF Nations League Finals - AT&T

Exercises

Dates	AGENCY/LOCATION	TYPE: EXERCISE NAME
03/19/25	Oxy Seminole Plant Drill/Seminole	Technological: Oxy Seminole Plant Drill