



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	March 26, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 25 to 8:00 AM March 26, 2025
Report Number	22

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	3
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 20, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the state's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant for the Pauline Road Fire in San Jacinto and Montgomery Counties. The approval of this Fire Management Assistance Grant makes Texas eligible for a 75 percent reimbursement from the federal government for costs associated with fighting the Pauline Road Fire. Fire Management Assistance Grants are available to states and local jurisdictions for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction and would constitute a major disaster.

On March 19, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved his request for a disaster declaration for South Texas communities impacted by the Welder Fire and a disaster declaration for North Texas communities impacted by severe weather earlier this month. The wildfire declaration includes the following Texas counties: Aransas, Bee, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio. The severe weather declaration includes the following Texas counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Tarrant. The SBA granted access to its Home Disaster Loans, Business Physical Disaster Loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, which will provide low-interest loans to qualifying homeowners, renters, and businesses in affected North Texas communities following the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred earlier this month, as well as South Texas communities affected by the Welder Fire.

On March 19, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the state's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant for the Double S Fire in Hutchinson County. The approval of this Fire Management Assistance Grant makes Texas eligible for a 75 percent reimbursement from the federal government for costs associated with fighting the Double S Fire. Fire Management Assistance Grants are available to states and local jurisdictions for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction and would constitute a major disaster.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

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

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

Polk County: The Pace Creek Fire burned five acres and [is controlled](#).

San Jacinto County: The Pauline Road Fire has burned 2,421 acres and is 95% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University:

Communication Coordination Group: Cellular providers in the impacted area have tuned their systems to support increased cellular activity in the Gillespie County area.

Mass Care: The Regional Disaster Finance Coordinator continues to work with local jurisdictions on cost tracking and providing guidance for disaster finance documentation.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): AgriLife SOC Liaisons continue to monitor fire weather conditions for ESF 11. DAR and County Extension staff are in San Jacinto County monitoring animal needs at the Pauline Road Fire. AgriLife Extension will continue to monitor livestock sheltering needs with county officials at the Pauline Road fire in San Jacinto County.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): Texas A&M Forest Service, firefighting aircraft, and TIFMAS resources are currently assisting local responders with the Pauline Road

Fire in San Jacinto and Montgomery Counties totaling 2,421 acres. The Texas A&M Forest Service is monitoring fire weather conditions, with resources including wildland firefighting, heavy equipment, fire engines, and field personnel, in all TDEM Regions. Nine TIFMAS strike teams are pre-positioned across all TDEM Regions with EMTF support. Forty-seven firefighting aircraft are positioned across 20 locations in the state. Resources include six Air Attack, six Large Airtankers (LATs), one Aerial Supervision Module, six Single Engine Scoopers, 15 Single-Engine Air Tankers, 10 Type 1 Helicopters (six are provided by TMD), and two Type 3 Helicopters. TAMFS is supporting the State Operations Center with daily staffing.

For information about active and recently contained wildfires, visit the Texas A&M Forest Service Incident Viewer: <https://public.tfswildfires.com/>. For information about the Current Wildfire Situation, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/CurrentSituation>.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD is providing direct support to TAMFS with aerial fire suppression capability in response to the critical fire weather. TMD has staged two Medium Mission Ready Packages (MRP) with two UH-60 helicopters in Lufkin, two in Austin, and one Heavy MRP with two CH-47 helicopters in Grand Prairie. A SOC Support Team has been assigned to Austin. TMD has activated 34 personnel and six aircraft in support of this incident. As of March 24, TMD Rotary Wing aircraft have flown a total of 125.9 hours and dropped a total of 627 buckets for a total of 352,693 gallons of water.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has the following Statewide resources available to support: one LNO at the SOC, one helicopter in Austin, All-Terrain Vehicles, State Game Wardens, and State Park Police Officers.

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR): DIR is continuing to monitor the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats have been identified and no requests for network or technology have been made.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT continues to share TAMFS and Extreme Wildfire Danger messaging today on DMS road signage and on social media.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS is currently monitoring the situation. DSHS has two LNOs assigned to the SOC.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): Multiple teams with Wild Land Fire Support (WLFS) packages were deployed or prepositioned across Texas to support wildfire response efforts. WLFS Teams have made 4,780 encounters, treated 12 individuals, and have had two transports.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD):

Texans on Mission (TXM): TXM is providing shower and laundry services to emergency responders for the Crabapple Fire in Fredericksburg. The team arrived on March 18 and is staying at the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Building in Willow City. To date, TXM has provided 150 work hours, five showers, and 24 laundry loads.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Remote
TAMFS	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	Firefighting Resources (Field and C/G)	284	73	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
TAMFS	9 TIFMAS ST	208	63	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
TAMFS	Aircraft	0	47	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	1 DAR Specialist for IMT	1	1	Assigned	Merkel
AgriLife	PIO	1	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialist	1	1	Assigned	Fredericksburg
AgriLife	2 DAR Specialist for IMT	2	2	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	1 Area Chief, 1 DAR Specialist, 1 CEA	3	3	Assigned	San Jacinto
DSHS	SCO LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	EMTF Wildfire Pkg 7-13	44	29	Activated	Team 7: Childress IA Team 8: Marble Falls IA Team 9: Merkel IA Team 10: Alice IA Team 11: Kerrville IA Team 12: Amarillo IA Team 13: Pauline Road Fire
EMTF	SCO	1	0	Activated	SOC
EMTF	SCO	1	0	Activated	College Station
EMTF	MIST	1	0	Activated	College Station

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EMTF	MEDL	1	0	Activated	Merkel
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Support Team	7	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	10	2	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TPWD	SOC Liaison	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Assigned	Austin/Travis County
TPWD	Game Wardens	2	2	Assigned	Hutchinson County
TPWD	Game Wardens	2	2	Assigned	Randall County

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is 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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