



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	April 13, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 12, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 13, 2025
Report Number	40

TDEM Regions Affected	5 & 8
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.

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 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties)

[Zapata County:](#) The Rio Grande fire has burned 40 acres and is 0% contained.

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

Aransas County: The Salt Flats fire has burned 157 acres and is 95% contained. Eighteen homes have been lost due to the fire.

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)

Bastrop County: The Sayer fire has burned 4 acres and is 95% contained.

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

Grimes County: The Grind Stone fire has burned 15.3 acres and is 95% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Communication Coordination Group (CCG): Cellular providers have optimized their systems to accommodate increased network activity in the Gillespie County area following the recent impacts.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to closely monitor fire weather conditions and has prepositioned heavy equipment, engines, and personnel—along with fixed-wing and rotor-wing aircraft.

Texas Military Department (TMD): Texas Military Department (TMD) will support Texas A&M Forest Service in suppressing wildland fires in Texas. TMD has activated one Rotary Wing Medium MRP and crew from San Antonio to support the Texas A&M Forest Service with aerial fire suppression operations in response to critical fire weather conditions. TMD has deployed two rotary wing aircraft and eight personnel in support of the incident. To date, the Rotary Wing aircraft have flown a total of 9.2 hours, conducting 49 bucket drops and delivering 30,130 gallons of water for aerial wildfire suppression.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD):

American Red Cross (ARC): The American Red Cross continues to have resources on standby to respond to humanitarian needs arising from expected severe weather and other disasters in Texas. The American Red Cross currently operates three shelters in

Aransas, Bowie, and Cameron Counties, housing 18 individuals. Food and Disaster Emergency Services (DES) distribution operations are ongoing in Cameron, Pharr, and Hidalgo Counties. Additionally, the ARC has initiated client casework and is distributing Immediate Assistance to those affected.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Firefighting Resources (Field and C/G)	160	28	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 5, 6, 7
TAMFS	Aircraft		11	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	San Antonio

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness 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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