

# Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center

## Situation Awareness Brief



Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
As of 0900 CDT

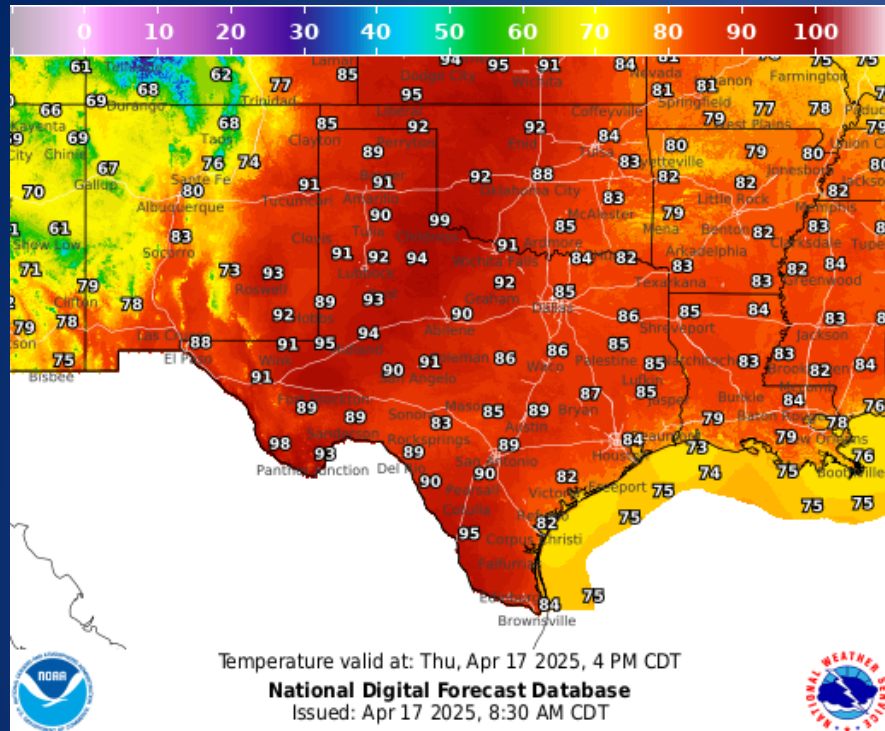
# Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
04/16/25	Final Report of a Boil Water Notice	Dickens County
04/16/25	Final Report of a Boil Water Notice	Milam County
04/16/25	Initial Report of a Hazmat Incident	Scurry County
04/16/25	Final Report of an Explosion	Travis County
04/16/25	Update Report of the Hazmat Incident	Scurry County
04/16/25	Update Report #2 of the Hazmat Incident	Scurry County
04/16/25	Update Report #3 of the Hazmat Incident	Scurry County
04/16/25	Initial Report of a Boil Water Notice	Comal County
04/16/25	Update Report #4 of the Hazmat Incident	Scurry County
04/16/25	Update Report #5 of the Hazmat Incident	Scurry County
04/16/25	Final Report of Hazmat Incident	Scurry County

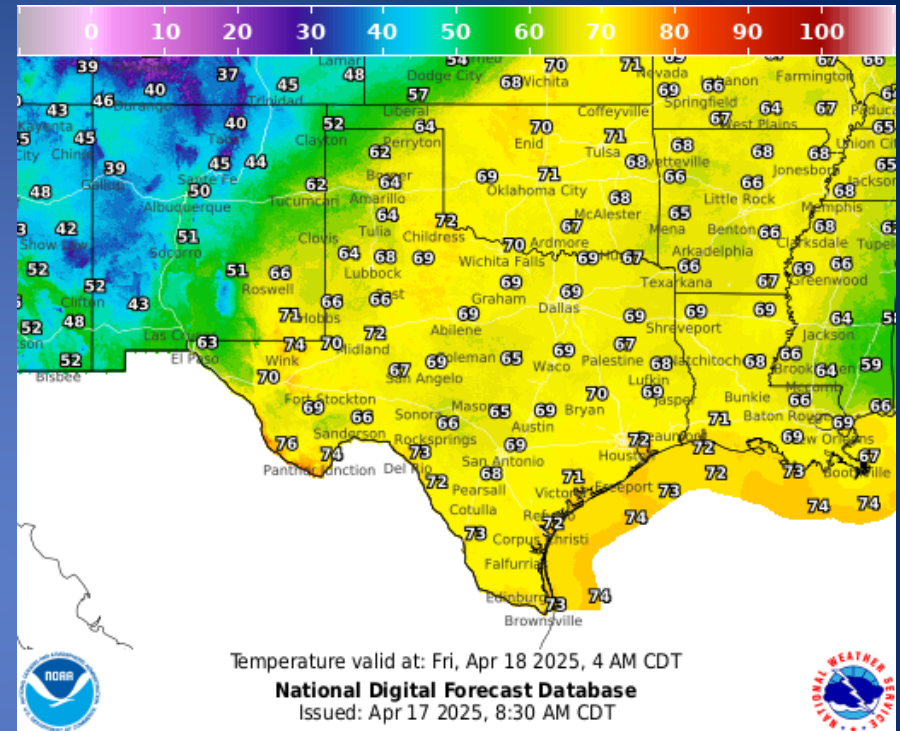
# Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
04/16/25	NWS Fort Worth: Severe Thunderstorm and Heavy Rainfall Threats for Friday Through Sunday
04/16/25	NWS Amarillo: Fire and Severe Weather Briefing April 16, 2025
04/16/25	NWS West Gulf RFC: Spring Thunderstorms This Weekend Will Bring A Flood Threat To Portions of The WGRFC Area
04/17/25	Austin/San Antonio: Severe Storm Risk Friday Night and Saturday Night
04/17/25	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: Weather Hazards Outlook
04/17/25	NWS Shreveport, LA: Severe Thunderstorms and Heavy Rainfall possible this Easter Weekend
04/17/25	NWS Brownsville: Wind Advisory & High Risk of Rip Currents
04/17/25	NWS Corpus Christi: Wind Advisory and Elevated Fire Weather Conditions
04/17/25	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: Situational Awareness Briefing for High Wind and Fire Danger
04/17/25	Daily NWS Threat Brief for FEMA Region 6

# Weather Forecast



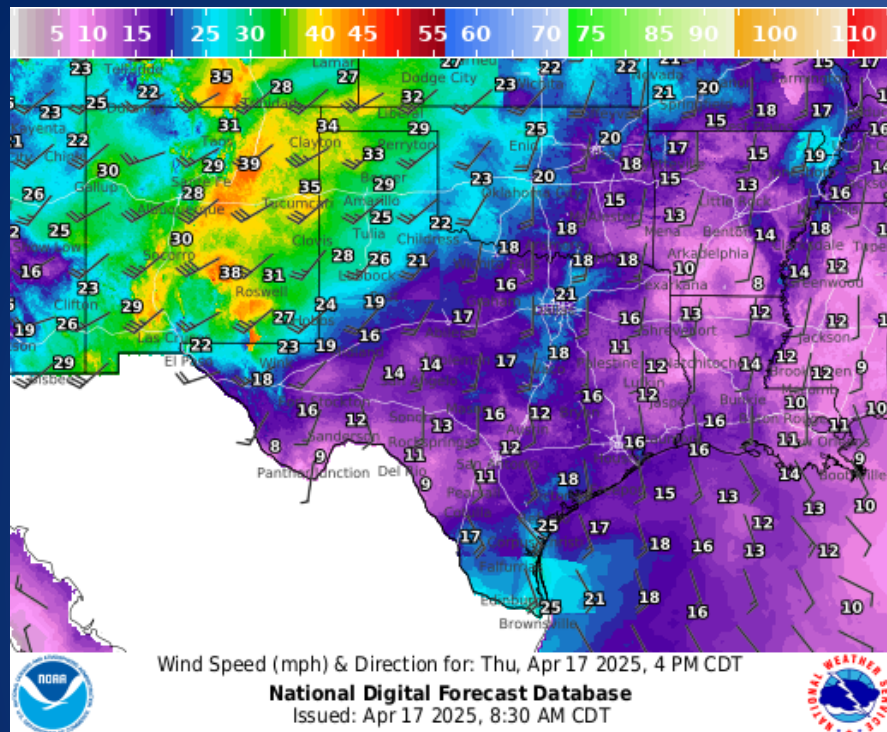
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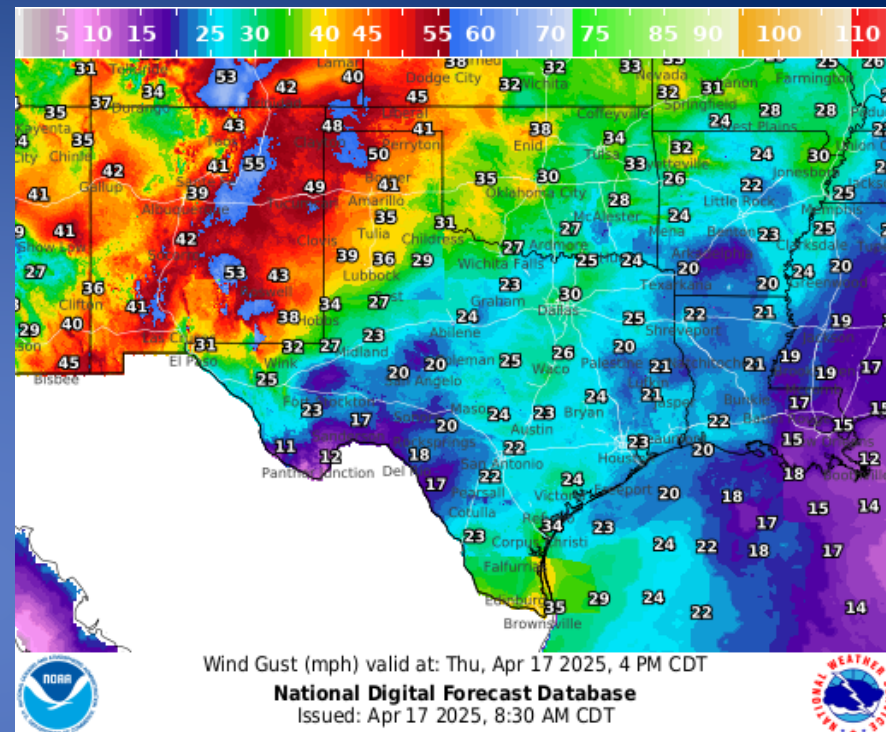
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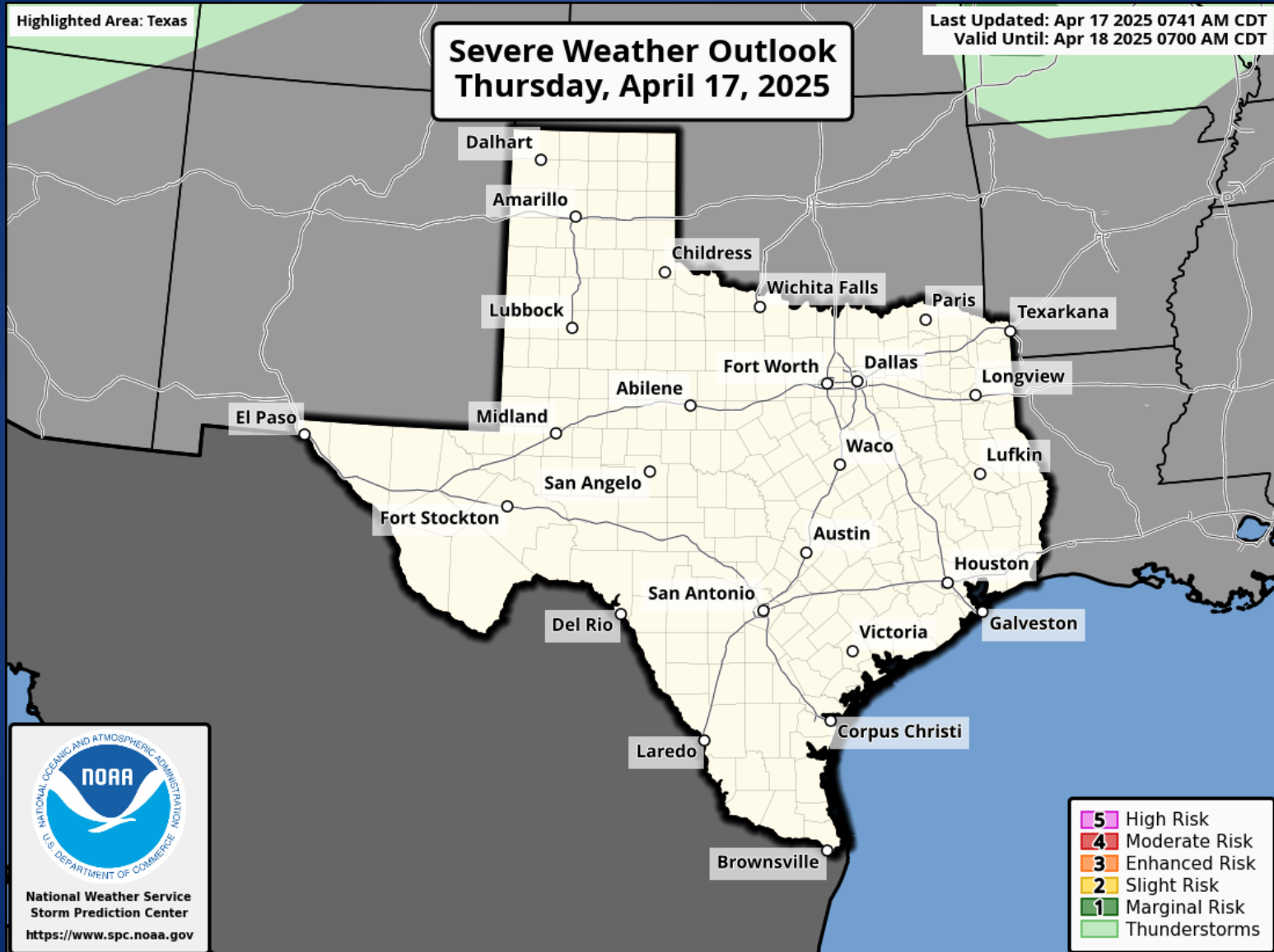


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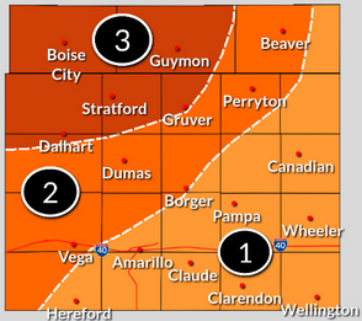
## Gusts

# Hazardous Weather



# Hazardous Weather

## Critical Fire Weather Conditions Today



### What to Expect



Southwest winds gusting up to 60 mph with extremely low relative humidity values



Increased potential for wildfire starts  
Fires may spread quickly

### Timing

**Critical Fire Weather:**  
11 AM - 9 PM

### Safety Info

Take extra precautions to prevent fire starts!  
Contact local law/fire officials if you smell smoke or see fire!



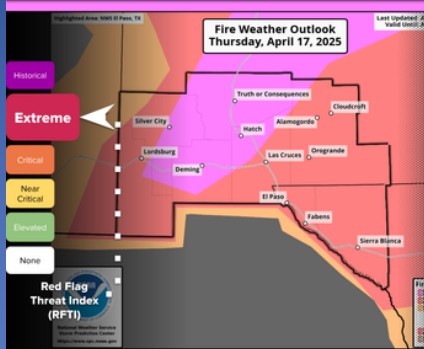
National Weather Service Amarillo

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Updated: Tue Feb 04, 2025 6:51 PM

Fire weather conditions for today, especially for the northwest combined Panhandles. Please use caution with any outdoor activities which could promote sparks or flames.

## Extreme Fire Danger Today



### What to Expect

- Southwest winds 25 to 35 mph
- Gusts up to 65 mph over mountains and east slopes
- Afternoon relative humidity 6 to 12%
- Critically low forest moisture
- Fires have the potential to spread uncontrollably

### Actions to Take

- Areas at risk for wildfires should have an action plan
- Don't drive on dry grass
- Avoid outdoor burning
- Alert authorities if any brush or forest fires start



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# Hazardous Weather

 **Risk Level: 3/4** 

**THURSDAY: CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER** 

 **When and Where:**

- **Thursday, April 17, 2025**
  - The far southern Texas Panhandle, the South Plains, and most of the Rolling Plains.

 **What:**

- Southwest winds at 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 45 mph
- Relative humidity values less than 10 percent

 **Actions:**

- Heed local fire restrictions
- Avoid using charcoal grills
- Don't drive over vegetated areas
- Avoid activities that may cause a spark!



 FIRE WEATHER WATCH IN EFFECT

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 Any new or ongoing wildfires will spread rapidly!

Updated: Wed Apr 16, 2025 4:38 AM

**Critical fire weather conditions are expected today across most of the region due to strong winds, low relative humidity, and very warm temperatures.**

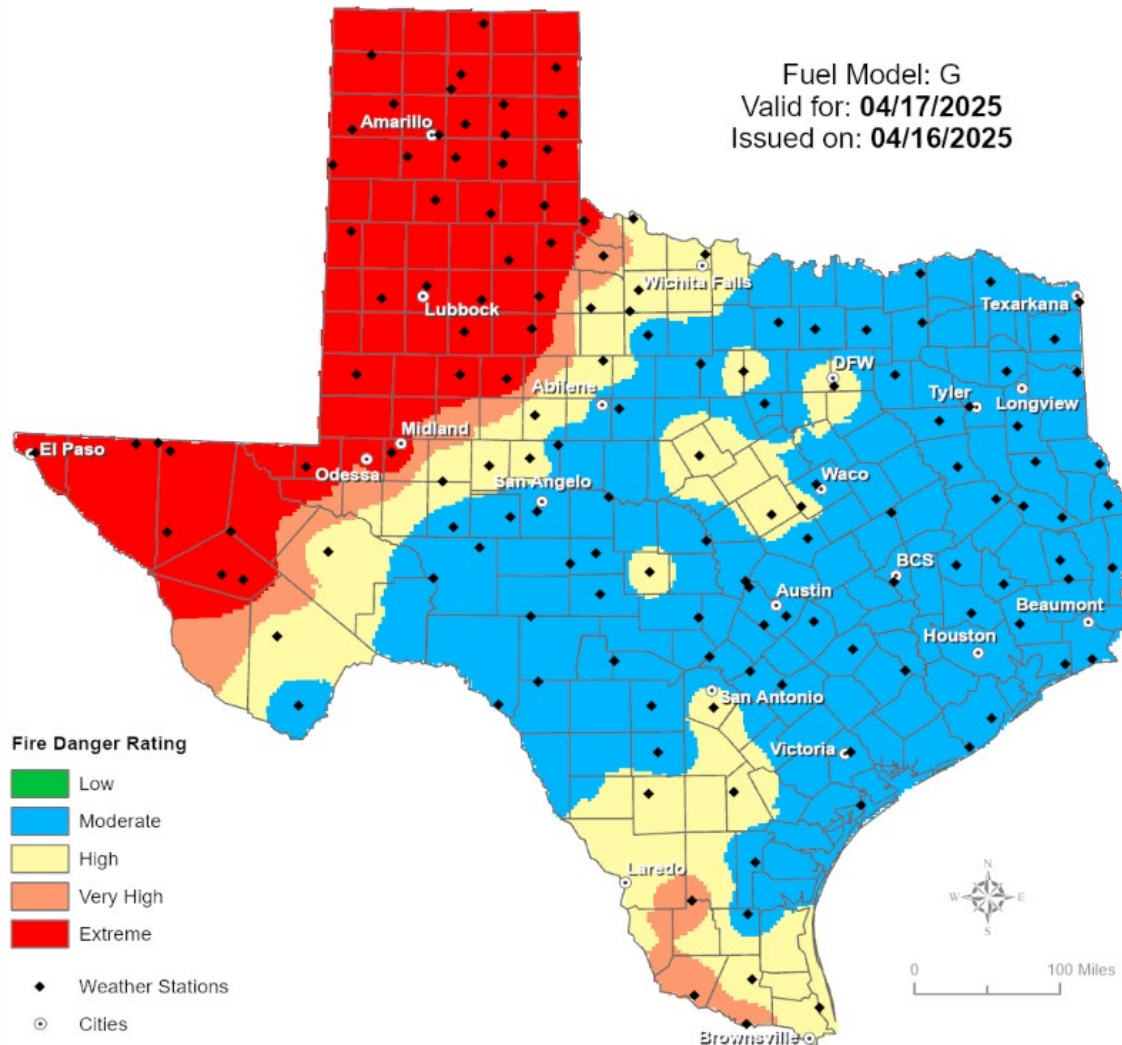


# Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/16/25	Flood Warning	Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Gregg, Houston, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Smith, Upshur and Wood Counties
04/16/25	Small Craft Advisory	Aransas, Calhoun, Cameron, Kenedy Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Willacy Counties
04/16/25	Wind Advisory	Aransas, Bailey, Cameron, Castro, Cochran, Culberson Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, El Paso, Hockley, Hudspeth, Kleberg, Lamb, Moore, Nueces, Oldham Parmer, Patricio Refugio, Sherman, Smith and Willacy Counties
04/16/25	High Wind Warning	Culberson, Dallam and Hartley Counties
04/16/25	Airport Weather Warning	El Paso County
04/17/25	Blowing Dust Advisory	El Paso and Hudspeth County

# Fire Danger Forecast

## Forecast Fire Danger



# Burn Ban

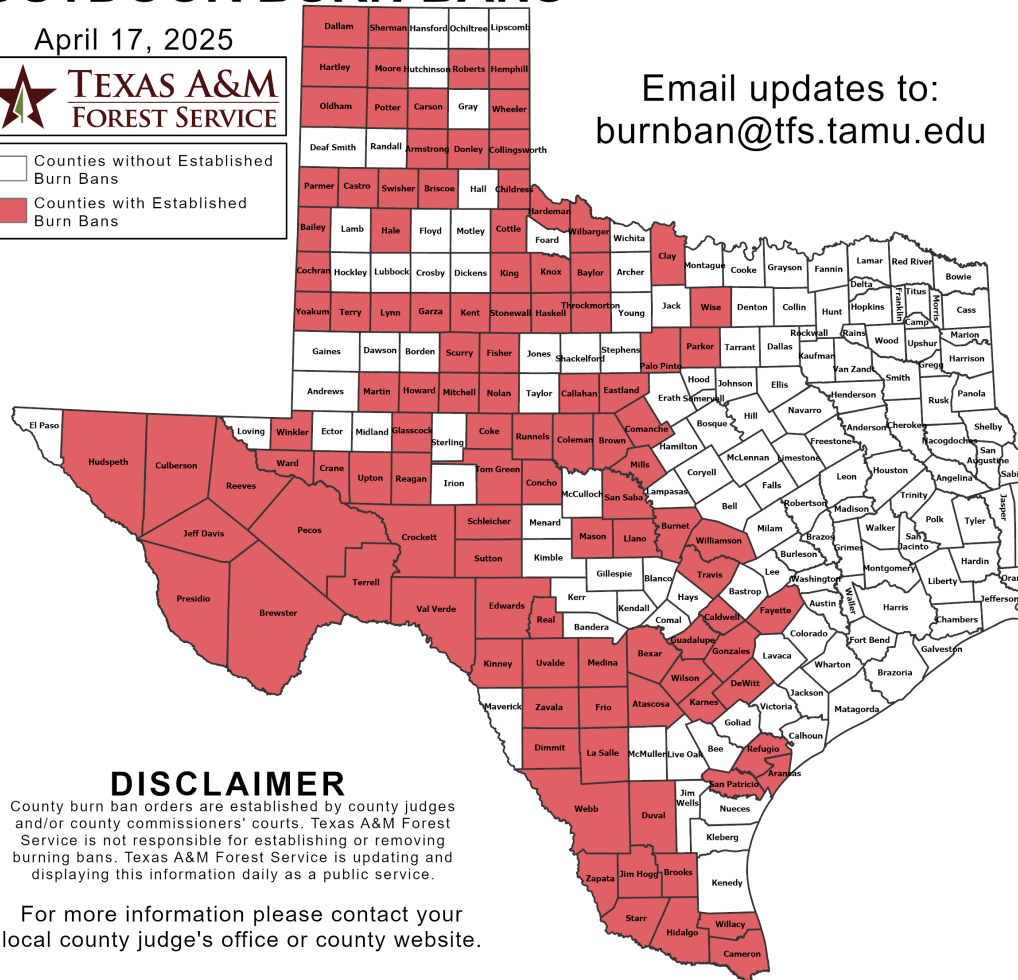
## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

April 17, 2025



Counties without Established Burn Bans  
 Counties with Established Burn Bans

Email updates to:  
[burnban@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:burnban@tfs.tamu.edu)



### Counties with Burn Bans: 109

Aransas	Frio	Reagan
Armstrong	Garza	Real
Atascosa	Glasscock	Reeves
Bailey	Gonzales	Refugio
Baylor	Guadalupe	Roberts
Bexar	Hale	Runnels
Brewster	Hardeman	San Patricio
Briscoe	Hartley	San Saba
Brooks	Haskell	Schleicher
Brown	Hemphill	Scurry
Burnet	Hidalgo	Sherman
Caldwell	Howard	Starr
Callahan	Hudspeth	Stonewall
Cameron	Jeff Davis	Sutton
Carson	Jim Hogg	Swisher
Castro	Karnes	Terrell
Childress	Kent	Terry
Clay	King	Throckmorton
Cochran	Kinney	Tom Green
Coke	Knox	Travis
Coleman	La Salle	Upton
Collingsworth	Llano	Uvalde
Comanche	Lynn	Val Verde
Concho	Martin	Ward
Cottle	Mason	Webb
Crane	Medina	Wheeler
Crockett	Mills	Wilbarger
Culberson	Mitchell	Willacy
Dallam	Moore	Williamson
DeWitt	Nolan	Wilson
Dimmit	Oldham	Winkler
Donley	Palo Pinto	Wise
Duval	Parker	Yoakum
Eastland	Parmer	Zapata
Edwards	Pecos	Zavala
Fayette	Potter	
Fisher	Presidio	

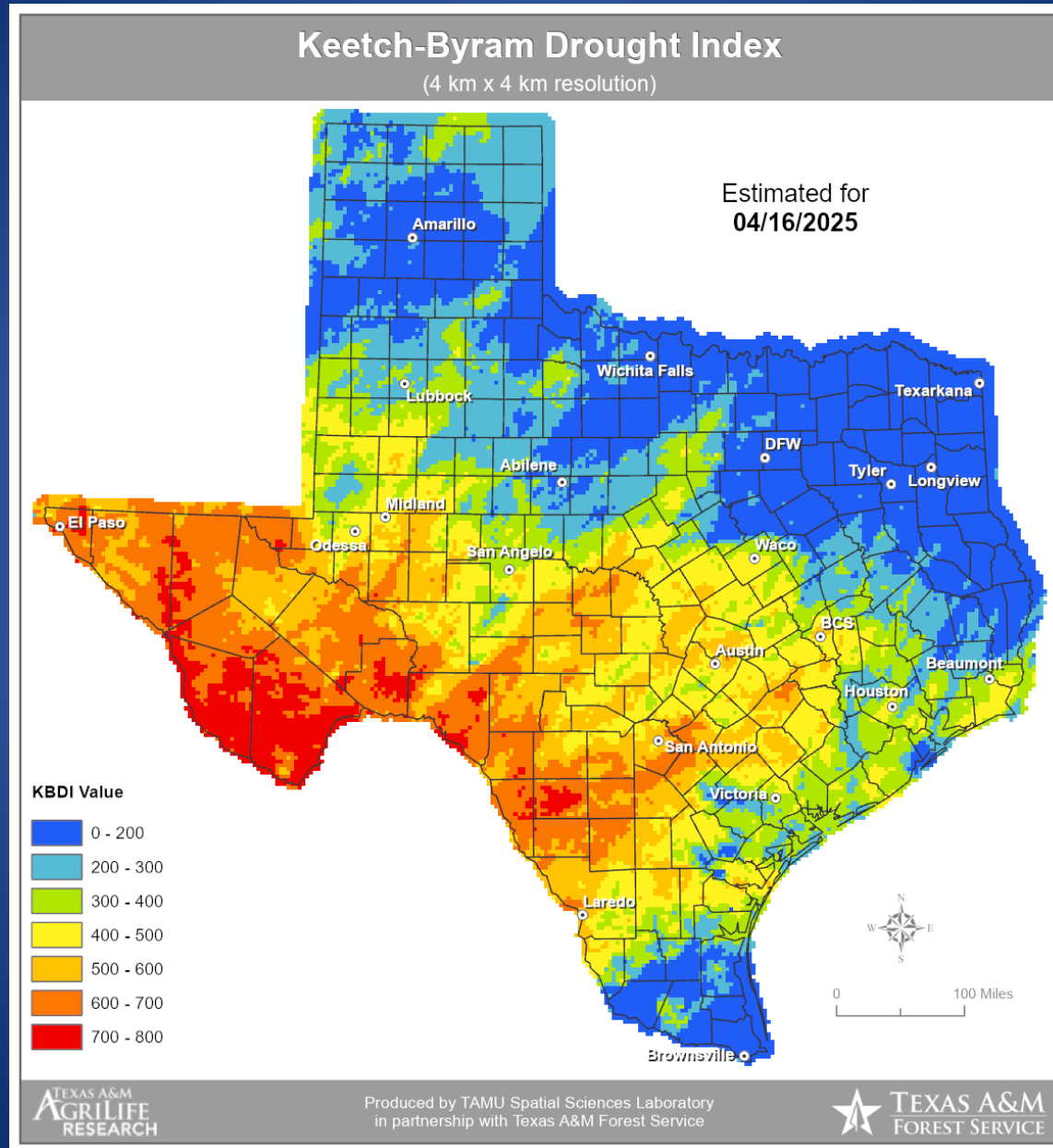
### DISCLAIMER

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.

For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

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

# Keetch-Byram Drought Index





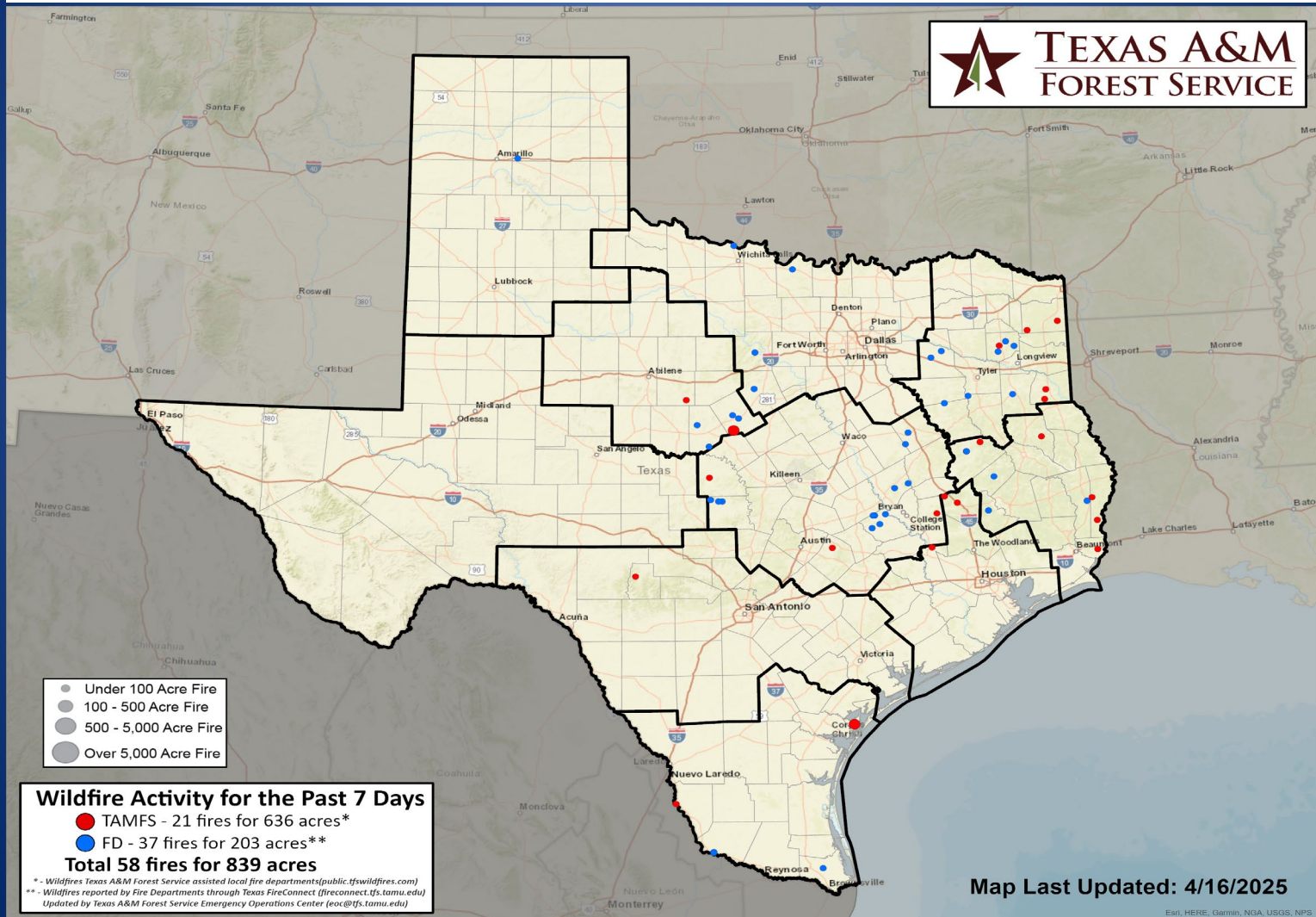
# Fire Weather

## Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/16/25	Fire Weather Watch	Foard, Hardeman and Knox Counties
04/16/25	Red Flag Warning	Andrews, Armstrong, Bailey, Brewster, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Davis, Dawson, Deaf Dickens, Donley, El Paso, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Jeff Lamb, Lipscomb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reeves, Roberts, Sherman, Smith, Swisher, Terry, Ward, Wheeler, Winkler and Yoakum Counties
04/16/25	Fire Danger Statement	Archer, Baylor, Brooks, Cameron, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Hidalgo, Hogg, Jim Kenedy, Knox, Starr, Webb, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy and Zapata Counties

# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 311 (+1) fires and 74,659 (+4) acres have been burned this year. There are 109 (-3) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list contains 87 (+3) counties with an average over 400.



# Training

Dates		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
04/16/25	04/17/25	TDEM Supervisor Training	T-INT502	Austin
04/17/25	04/18/25	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Pflugerville San Antonio Wharton

## Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
04/05/25	04/27/25	Dallas	Lone Star Classic
04/17/25	04/17/25	Arlington	MLB: 2025 Texas Rangers Game 10

## Exercises

DATES		LOCATION	TYPE: EXERCISE NAME
04/15/25	04/17/25	Pan Tex	Full Scale: Pan Tex Full Scale Exercise
04/17/25	04/17/25	Houston	Tabletop: Silent City
04/17/25	04/17/25	Houston	Tabletop: SETRAC Biological Exercise