

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

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
02/17/26	Initial and Final Report of a Broken Gas Line	Chambers County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Burton Fire	Hemphill County
02/17/26	Update Report #5 of the Las Palomas Fire	Hidalgo County
02/17/26	Initial and Final Report of the Burton Fire	Hemphill County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Korn Fire	Hartley County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Hale 1430 Fire	Hale County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Oldham 1434 Fire	Oldham County
02/17/26	Update Report of the Oldham 1434 Fire	Oldham County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Armstrong 1432 Fire	Armstrong County
02/17/26	Update Report #2 of the Lavender Fire (Oldham 1434)	Oldham County
02/17/26	Initial Report of a Road Closure (SH-123)	Guadalupe County
02/17/26	Update Report of the Arbor (Hale 1430) Fire	Hale County
02/17/26	Update Report #3 of the Lavender Fire	Oldham County
02/17/26	Initial Report of a Communications Outage	Dimmit County
02/17/26	Update Report of a Road Closure (SH-123)	Guadalupe County
02/17/26	Final Report of the Road Closure (SH-123)	Guadalupe County

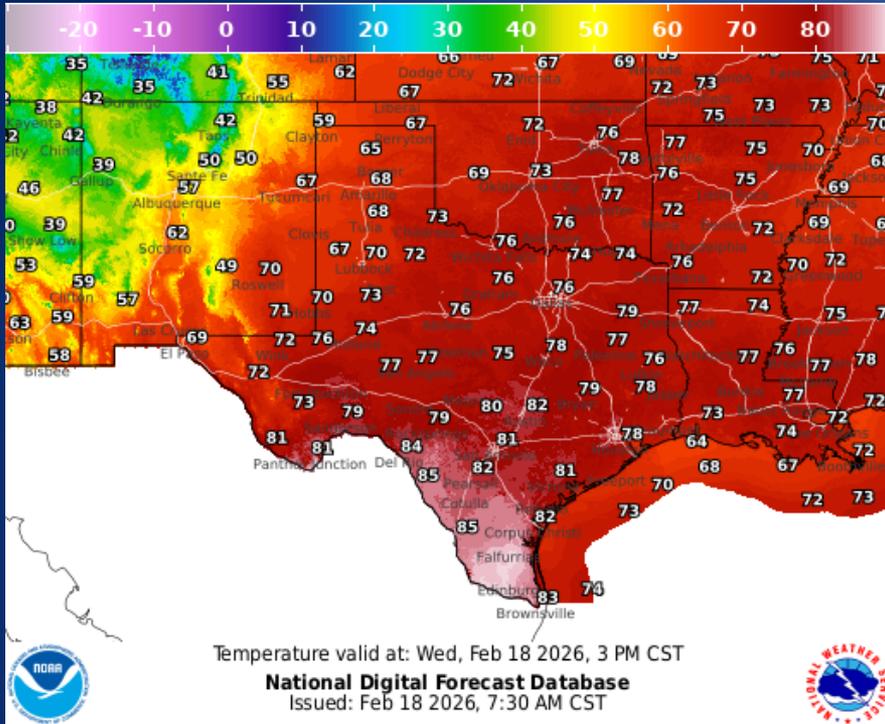
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02/17/26	Update Report #4 of the Lavender Fire	Oldham County
02/17/26	Update Report of the 8 Ball (Armstrong 1432) Fire	Armstrong County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Jasper 1441 Fire	Jasper County
02/17/26	Update Report #2 of the 8 Ball Fire	Armstrong County
02/17/26	Initial Report of the Haystack Fire	Lipscomb County
02/17/26	Final Report on the Arbor Fire	Hale County
02/17/26	Update Report #5 of the Lavender Fire	Oldham County
02/18/26	Final Report of a Communications Outage	Dimmit County

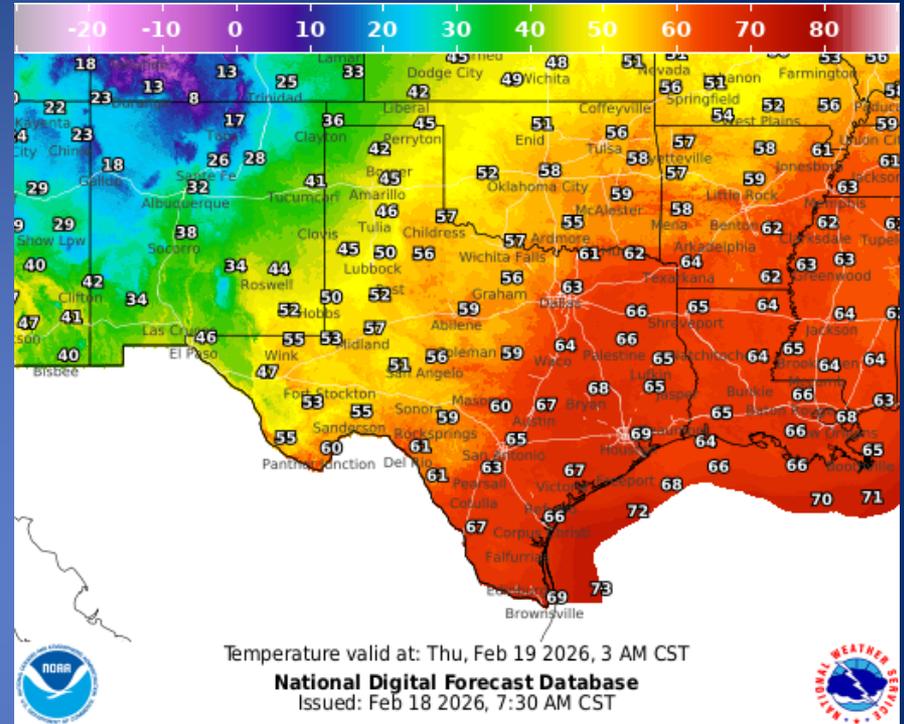
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DATE	SUBJECT
02/17/26	Daily Situation Report [25-0026 02JUL Severe Weather]
02/17/26	NWS Norman, OK: Fire Weather Update - Tuesday, February 17th, 2026
02/17/26	NWS Midland/Odessa: Weekly Weather Hazards Briefing
02/17/26	DSHS Arbovirus Weekly Report
02/17/26	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: [UPDATE] High Winds, Dust, and Fire Danger for Wednesday, Feb. 18
02/18/26	Daily NWS Threat Brief

Weather Forecast

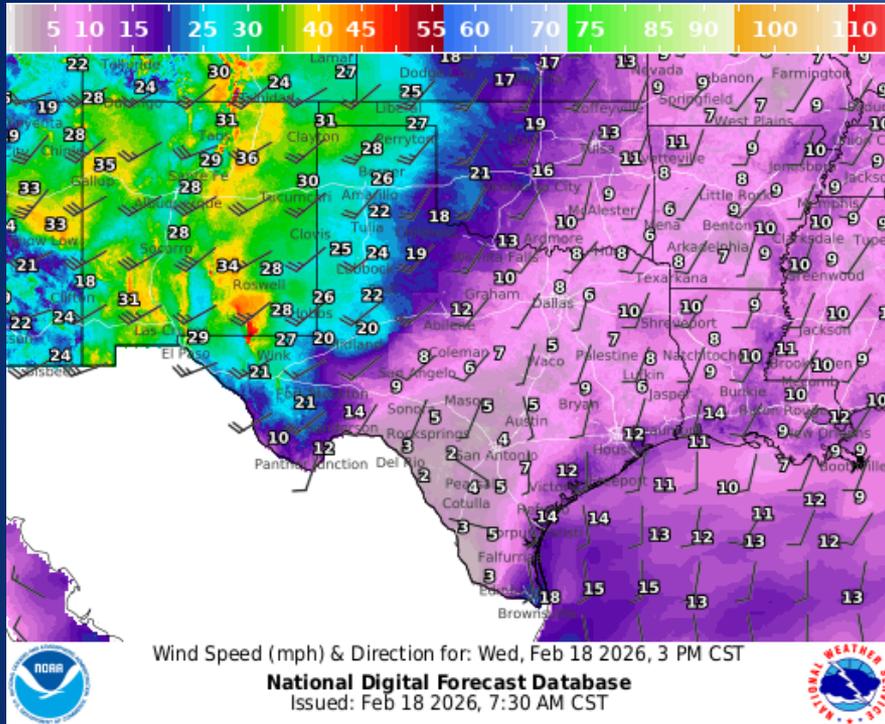


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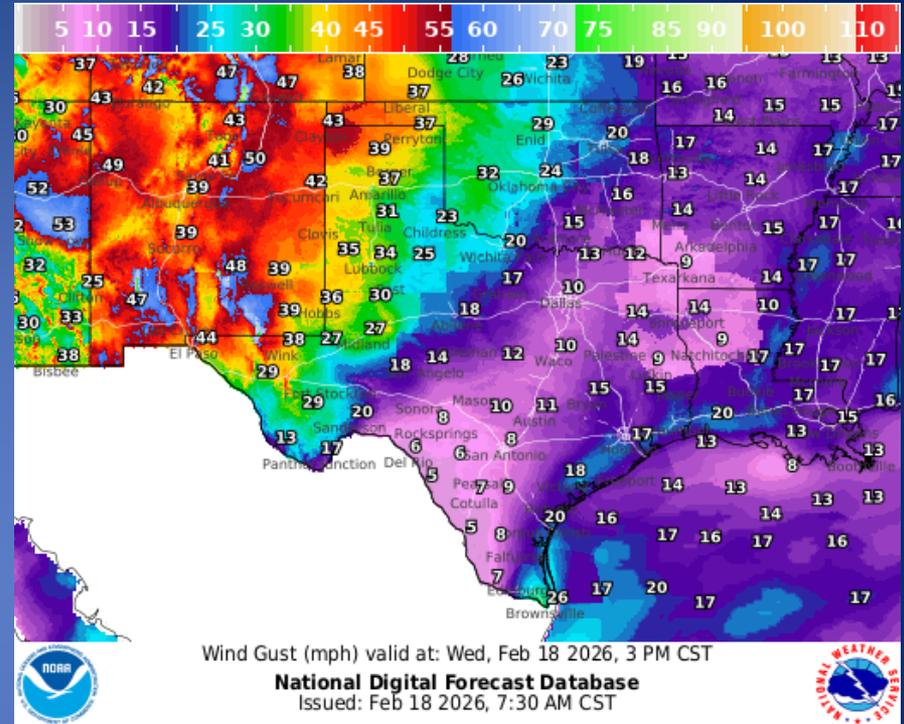


Lows

Weather Forecast



Wind Speeds



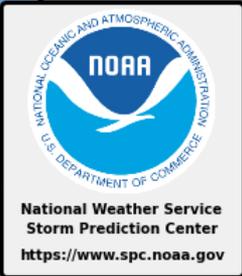
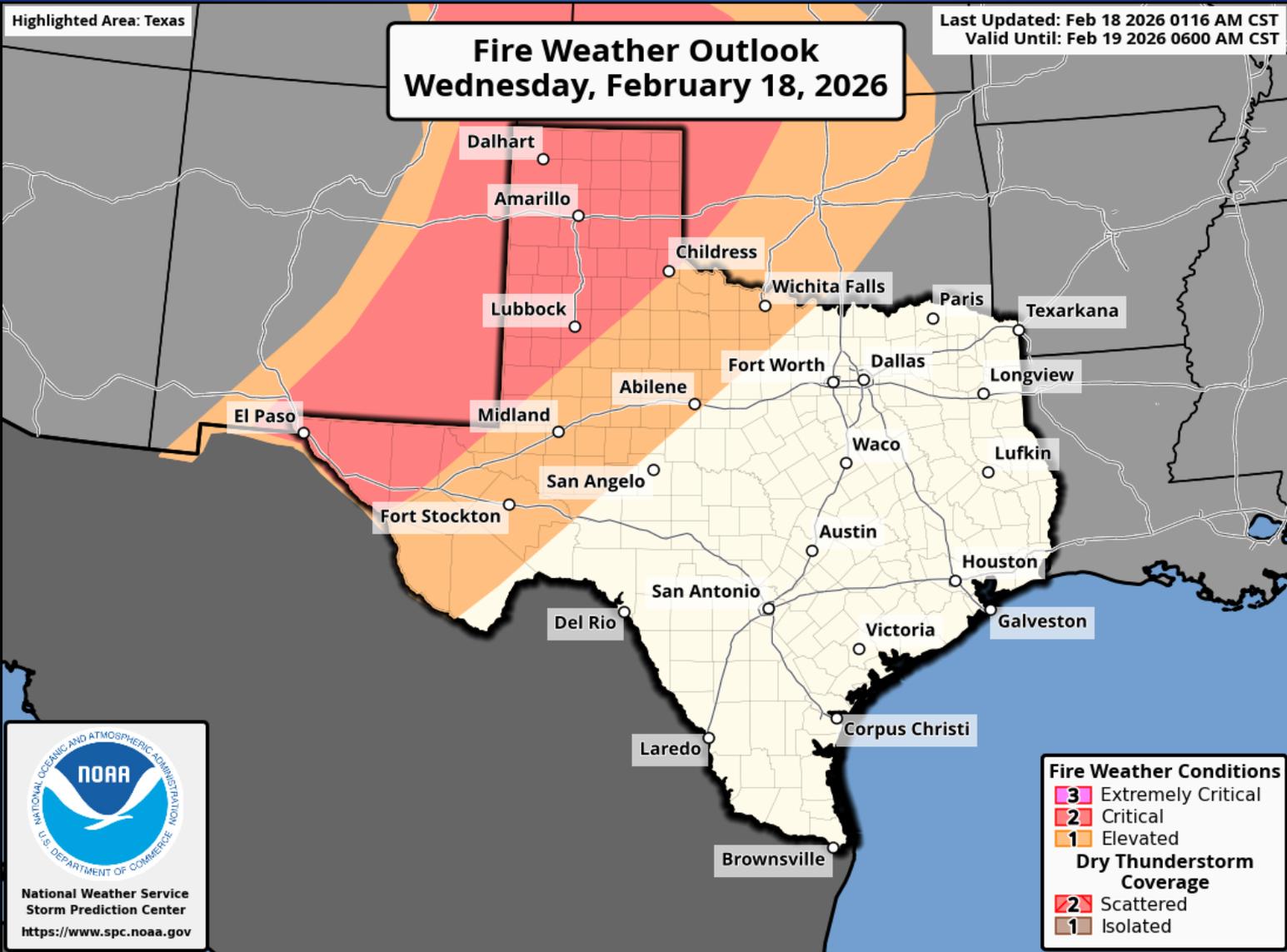
Gusts

Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: Texas

Last Updated: Feb 18 2026 0116 AM CST
Valid Until: Feb 19 2026 0600 AM CST

Fire Weather Outlook Wednesday, February 18, 2026



Fire Weather Conditions	
3	Extremely Critical
2	Critical
1	Elevated
Dry Thunderstorm Coverage	
2	Scattered
1	Isolated

Hazardous Weather

Critical Fire Weather Conditions Today



What to Expect



Southwest to west winds gusting between 35 to 55 mph with very dry conditions.



Increased potential for wildfire starts and fires may spread quickly

Timing

Critical Fire Weather:
11 AM - 8 PM

Safety Info

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



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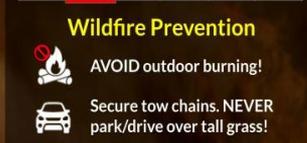
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Today, winds will not be as strong as they were yesterday, but relative humidity values will be lower. This will result in high-end critical fire weather conditions again this afternoon.

Warm with Fire Weather Concerns Wed/Thu

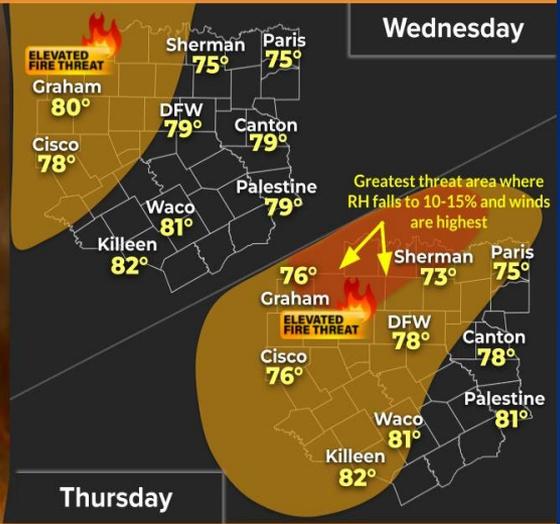
weather.gov/FWD
Issued Wed Feb 18, 2026 3:10 AM

Low afternoon humidity and above normal temps will result in an **elevated fire threat** for much of North and Central TX Wednesday and Thursday this week.



Wildfire Prevention

- AVOID outdoor burning!
- Secure tow chains. NEVER park/drive over tall grass!
- NEVER toss lit cigarettes!



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Well above normal temperatures will continue through Thursday with highs in the 70s and lower 80s along with low afternoon humidity. Winds will increase on Thursday with RH values dropping to below 15% in some areas. The threat for grass fires will increase significantly across the region this afternoon and especially on Thursday.

Hazardous Weather

Red Flag Warning

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM



Much of South Central / Southwest New Mexico and Far West Texas



→ Southwest winds 25 to 35 mph, gusts to 60 mph

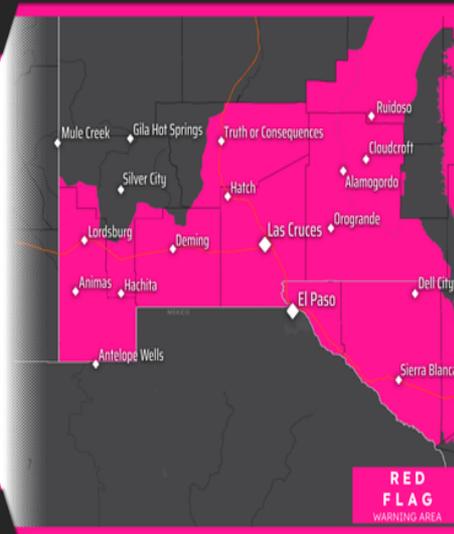
→ Relative Humidity: As low as 10%



→ Avoid creating open flames or sparks

→ Keep vehicles off of dry grass

→ Properly discard smoking products



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Today: Red Flag Warning

Avoid activities that may cause a spark. Check out [weather.gov/lub](https://www.weather.gov/lub) for more information.



In effect from 11 AM - 7 PM CST



The far southern Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and portions of the Rolling Plains.



Southwest at 20 to 30 mph



Gusts up to 40 mph



Relative humidity as low as 11 percent



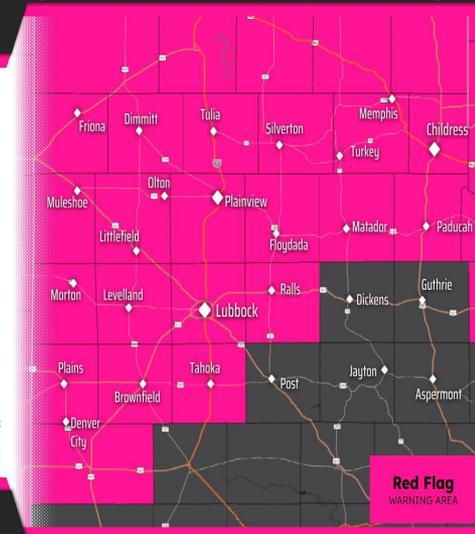
Fire Danger

Low Elevated **Critical** Extreme

AVOID OUTDOOR BURNING



REPORT FIRES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES



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Updated: Wed Feb 18, 2026 12:30 AM

Critical fire weather conditions are expected to develop once again today across the far southern Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and portions of the Rolling Plains. A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 11 AM until 7 PM CST. Avoid activities that involve the use of sparks and/or open flames, as conditions will be favorable for the rapid growth and spread of wildfires.

Hazardous Weather

Red Flag Warning

Wednesday Afternoon and Evening

Gaines County, Southeast New Mexico, Upper Trans Pecos, Van Horn Corridor, Davis Mountains, and Marfa Plateau

- Wind Gusts up to 55 mph
- Relative Humidity as low as 10%
- Rapidly Drying Fuels
- Avoid open flames or sparks
- Keep vehicles off dry grass
- Properly discard cigarettes
- NO outdoor burning of any kind



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Updated: Tue Feb 17, 2026 8:45 PM

Critical fire weather conditions are expected again Wednesday due to wind gusts up to 55 mph, relative humidity below critical 15%, and rapidly drying fuels. A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 11 AM CST/10 AM MST this morning through 8 PM CST/7 PM MST this evening for Gaines County, Southeast New Mexico, Upper Trans Pecos, Van Horn Corridor, Davis Mountains, and Marfa Plateau.

Critical Fire Danger – Wednesday

February 18, 2026
1:19 AM



Timing
→ Red Flag Warning
10 AM through 8 PM

Key Points
→ Near critical to critical fire weather danger.
→ Relative humidity as low as 10-15% percent.
→ Southwest winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts up to 40 mph.

**Use extreme caution with potential ignition sources!
Report fires to local emergency officials!**

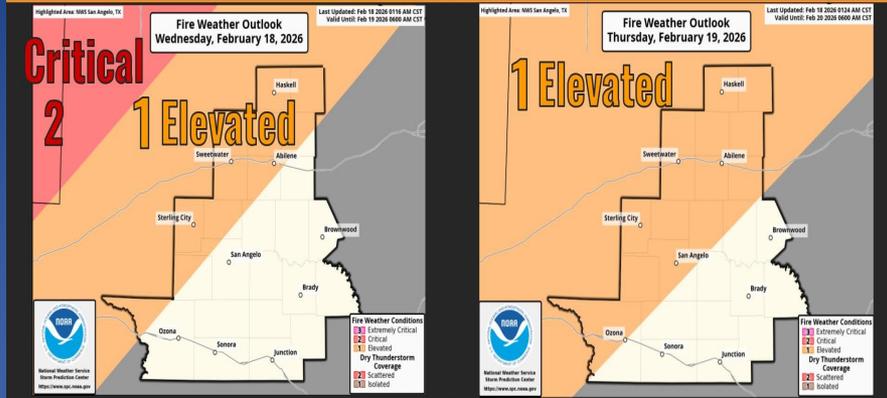
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Near critical to critical fire weather conditions are expected once again on this afternoon and early evening due to a combination of very low relative humidity, gusty winds and dry fuels.

Hazardous Weather

Increased Risk For Fires This Week



Key Messages

- Elevated fire weather conditions are expected each afternoon this week for northern and western areas.
- Breezy winds from the south to southwest at 15 to 25 mph will combine with low relative humidities.
- These conditions will allow fires to spread more easily.

Safety Precautions

- Make sure chains are not dragging from vehicles
- Don't drive on dry grass
- Avoid outdoor burning, or any activity that could result in sparks or flames



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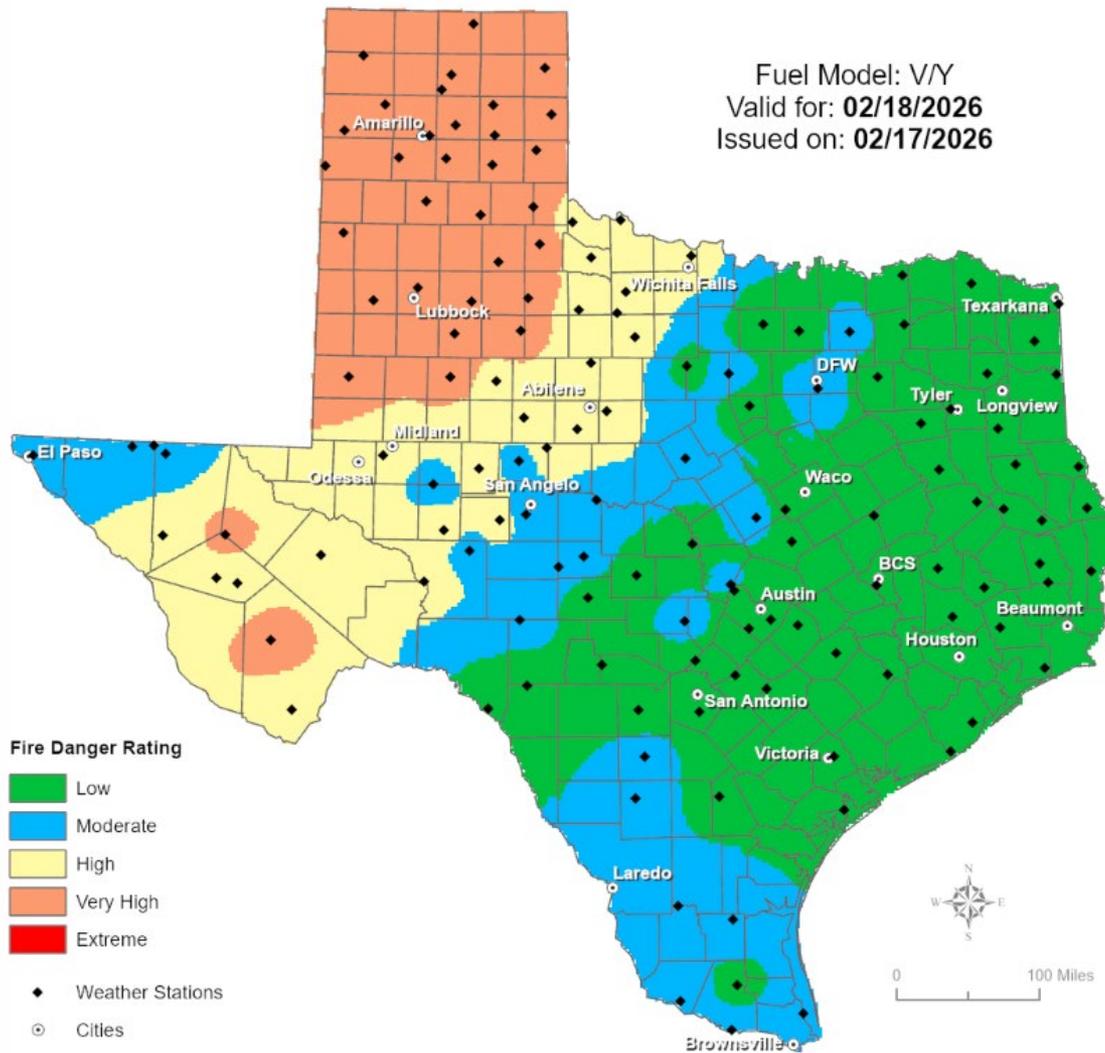
Temperatures of 10 to 20 degrees above normal, combined with RH values dropping into the 15 to 25 percent range, and breezy south to southwest winds will result in elevated fire weather conditions this week.

Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
02/17/26	Airport Weather Warning	El Paso, Nueces, Potter, and Randall Counties
02/17/26	Blowing Dust Advisory	Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collingsworth, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, El Paso, Floyd, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldam, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum Counties
02/17/26	High Wind Watch	Culberson County
02/17/26	Wind Advisory	Brewster, Culberson, Dallam, El Paso, Hartley, Jeff Davis, Moore, Reeves, and Sherman Counties
02/17/26	High Wind Warning	Culberson and El Paso County
02/18/26	Wind Advisory	Hansford County
02/18/26	Blowing Dust Advisory	El Paso and Hudspeth Counties

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger



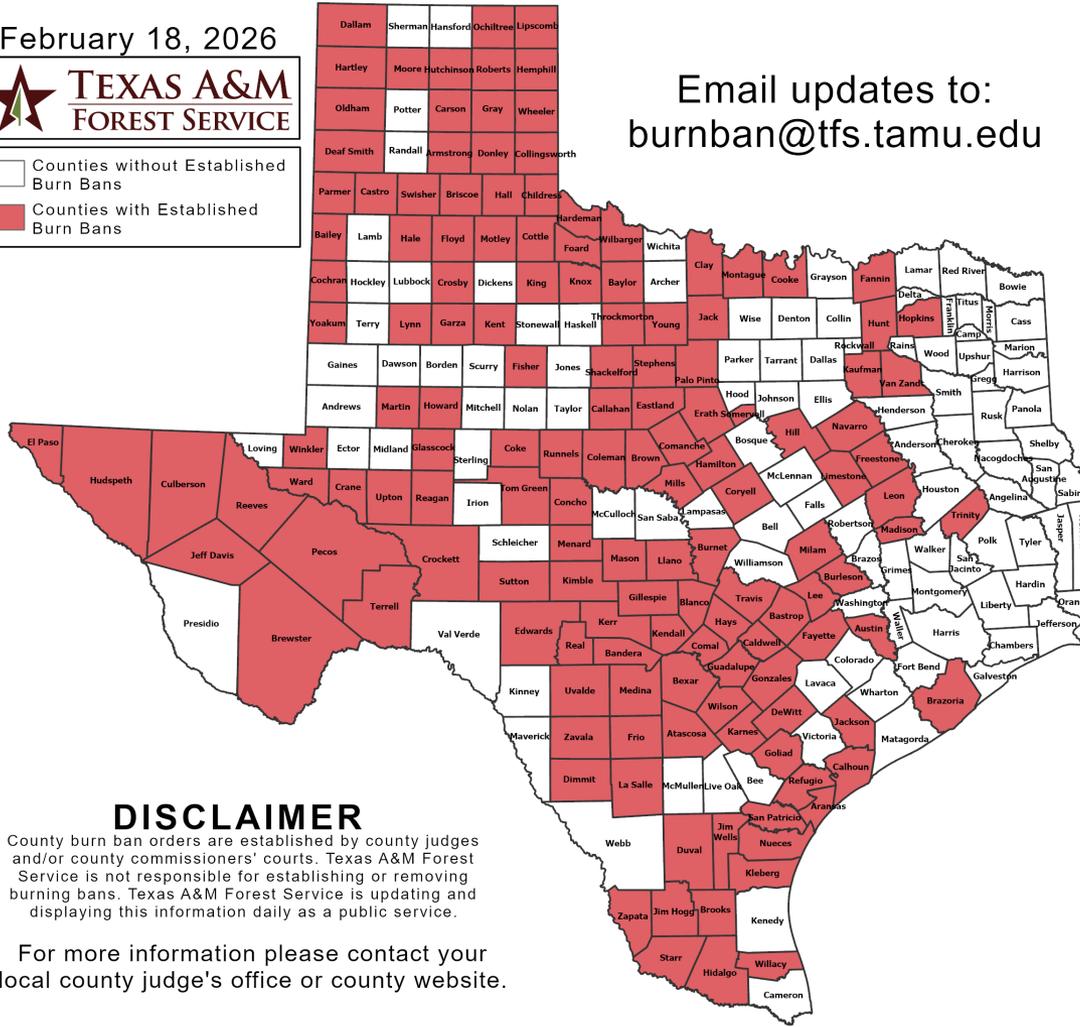
Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

February 18, 2026



Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans



Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

Counties with Burn Bans: 145

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| Aranzas | Fayette | Martin |
| Armstrong | Fisher | Mason |
| Atascosa | Floyd | Medina |
| Austin | Foard | Menard |
| Bailey | Freestone | Milam |
| Bandera | Frio | Mills |
| Bastrop | Garza | Montague |
| Baylor | Gillespie | Moore |
| Bexar | Glasscock | Motley |
| Blanco | Goliad | Navarro |
| Brazoria | Gonzales | Nueces |
| Brewster | Gray | Ochiltree |
| Briscoe | Guadalupe | Oldham |
| Brooks | Hale | Palo Pinto |
| Brown | Hall | Parmer |
| Burleson | Hamilton | Pecos |
| Burnet | Hardeman | Reagan |
| Caldwell | Hartley | Real |
| Calhoun | Hays | Reeves |
| Callahan | Hempfill | Refugio |
| Carson | Hidalgo | Roberts |
| Castro | Hill | Runnels |
| Childress | Hopkins | San Patricio |
| Clay | Howard | Shackelford |
| Cochran | Hudspeth | Somervell |
| Coke | Hunt | Starr |
| Coleman | Hutchinson | Stephens |
| Collingsworth | Jack | Sutton |
| Comal | Jackson | Swisher |
| Comanche | Jeff Davis | Terrell |
| Concho | Jim Hogg | Throckmorton |
| Cooke | Jim Wells | Tom Green |
| Coryell | Karnes | Travis |
| Cottle | Kaufman | Trinity |
| Crane | Kendall | Upton |
| Crockett | Kent | Uvalde |
| Crosby | Kerr | Van Zandt |
| Culberson | Kimble | Ward |
| Dallam | King | Wheeler |
| Deaf Smith | Kleberg | Wilbarger |
| DeWitt | Knox | Willacy |
| Dimmit | La Salle | Willson |
| Donley | Lee | Winkler |
| Duval | Leon | Yoakum |
| Eastland | Limestone | Young |
| Edwards | Lipscomb | Zapata |
| El Paso | Llano | Zavala |
| Erath | Lynn | |
| Fannin | Madison | |

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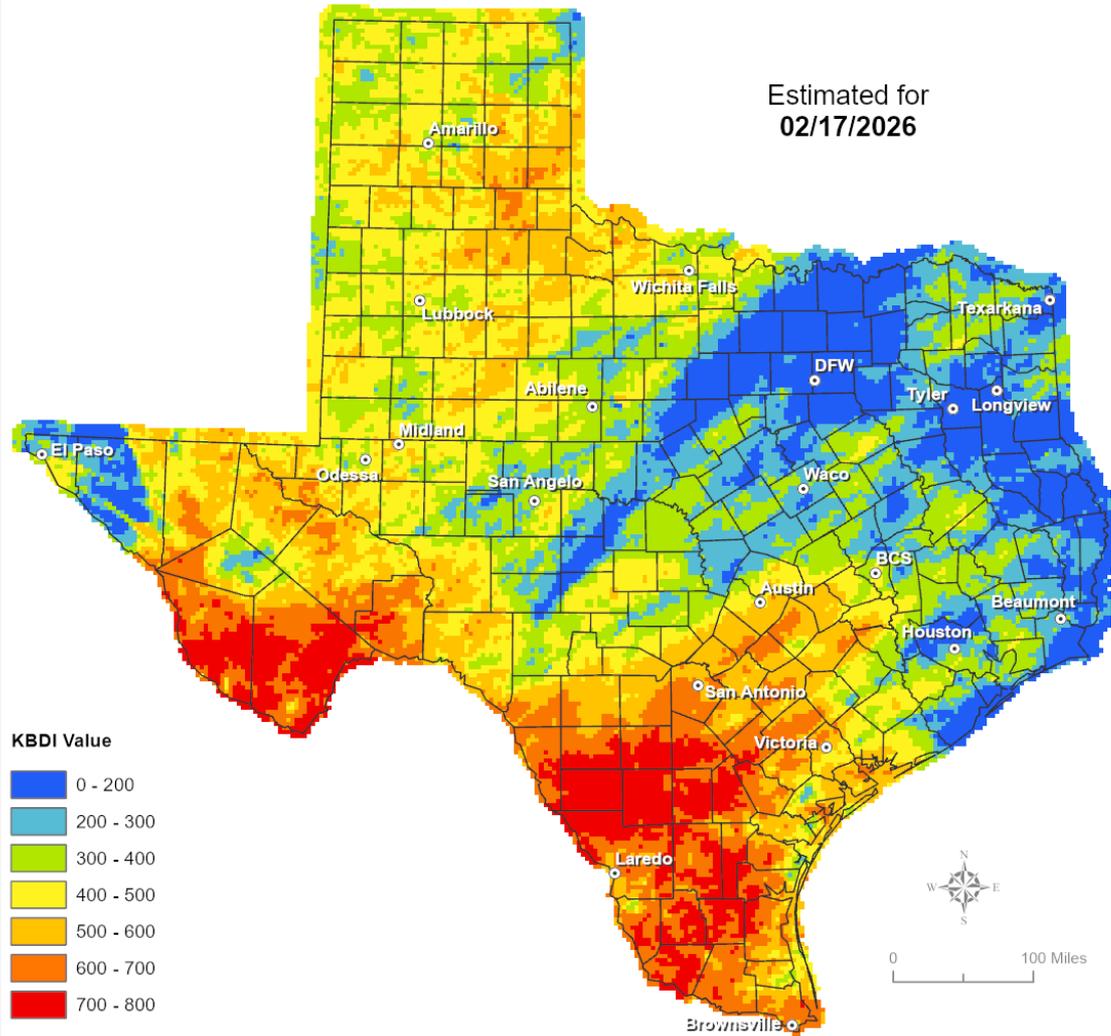
RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov
 Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
02/17/2026

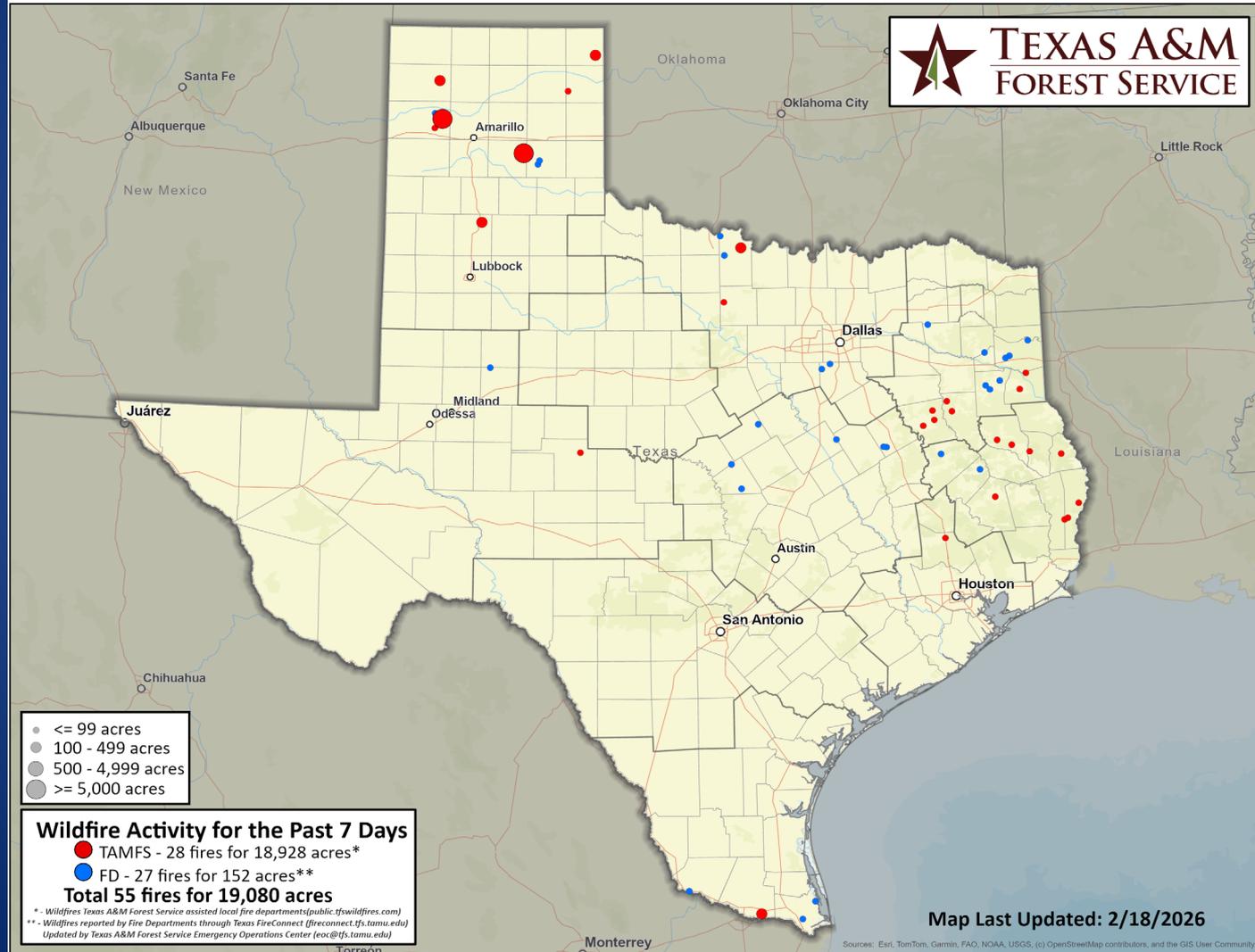


Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

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02/17/26	Fire Weather Watch	Archer, Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Foard, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Hockley, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties
02/17/26	Fire Warning	Armstrong, Donley, Gray, Lipscomb, Oldham, and Potter Counties
02/18/26	Fire Danger Statement	Archer, Clay and Wichita Counties
02/18/26	Fire Weather Watch	Cooke, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Young, and Wise Counties
02/18/26	Fire Warning	Potter County

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 256 (+3) fires and 6,415 (+129) acres have been burned this year. There are 145 (-2) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list contains 127 (+3) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
02/06/26	02/28/26	Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training	G-317	Lindale
02/16/26	02/18/26	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	G-300	Lufkin, Marble Falls
02/16/26	02/20/26	Confined Space Rescue Technician (Certification Course)	H-516	Liberty
02/17/26	02/20/26	Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements	L-212	Fort Worth
02/17/26	02/19/26	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	G-300	Columbus
02/17/26	02/19/26	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training Course (L146	San Marcos
02/17/26	02/20/26	Texas Emergency Management Response to Recovery Course	T-PUB250	Richmond
02/18/26	02/20/26	Disaster Accounting Basics	T-ACC600	San Antonio, Fort Worth
02/18/26	02/19/26	Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance	G-108	Richardson

Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
02/18/26	02/19/26	Local Volunteer and Donations Management	G-288	Tyler
02/18/26	02/19/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Angleton
02/18/26	02/19/26	Engaged Leaders – Foundation for the Future	HIL-101	Austin

Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
02/14/26	02/28/26	Fort Worth	NRCHA Kalpowar Quarter Horses Celebration of Champions
02/12/26	03/01/26	San Antonio	San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo