

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

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
05/16/26	Final Report of the Wildfire	Hardeman County
05/16/26	Update Report #2 of the Roman Fire	Hartley County
05/16/26	Final Report of the Roman Fire	Hartley County
05/16/26	Update Report #3 of the Hunggate Fire	Randall County
05/16/26	Update Report of the Ox Bow Fire (Hall 4114)	Hall County
05/16/26	Update Report #2 of the Line Fire	Oldham County
05/16/26	Final Report of the Line Fire	Oldham County
05/16/26	Update Report #2 of the Chocolate Chip Fire	Randall County
05/16/26	Initial and Final Report of a HazMat Incident	Kendall County
05/16/26	Initial Report of the Chainey Mountain Fire	Hall County
05/16/26	Update Report of the Chainey Mountain Fire	Hall County
05/16/26	Final Report of the Chainey Mountain Fire	Hall County
05/16/26	Update Report #3 of the Chocolate Chip Fire	Randall County
05/16/26	Update Report #4 of the Hunggate Fire	Randall County
05/16/26	Final Report of the Chocolate Chip Fire	Randall County
05/16/26	Update Report #5 of the Hunggate Fire	Randall County

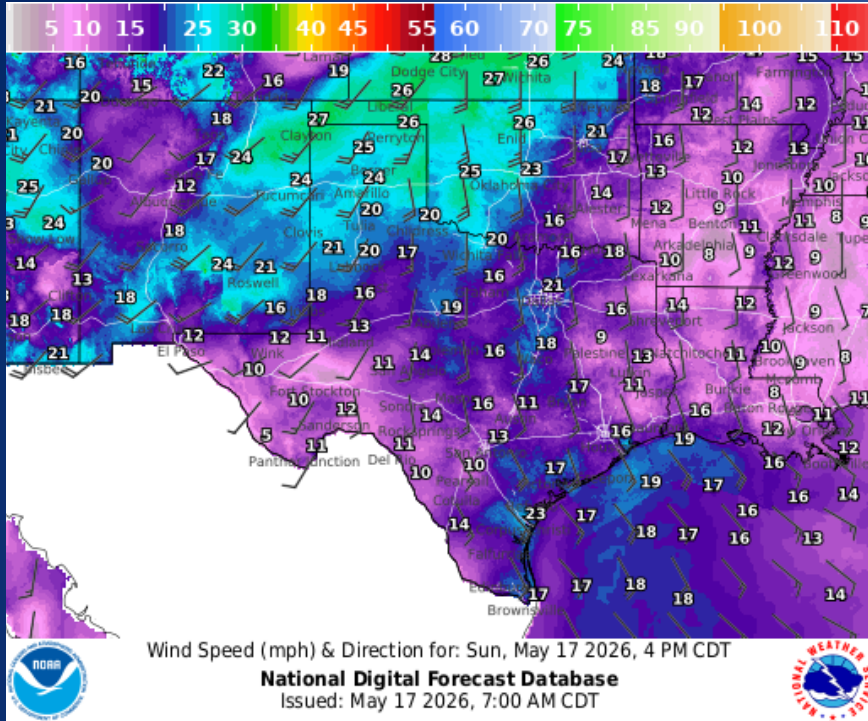
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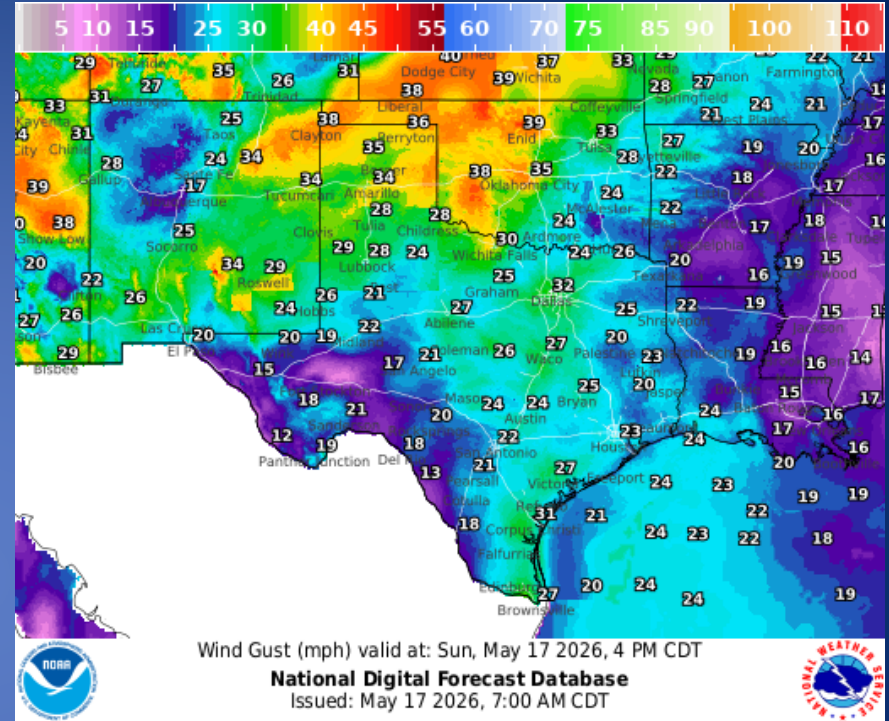
Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
05/16/26	NWS Amarillo: Fire Weather and Storm Chances Today Thru Monday
05/16/26	NWS West Gulf RFC: Widespread Rainfall Expected...Anticipate River Responses With River Flooding In The Picture
05/16/26	Daily Situation Report [25-0026 02JUL Severe Weather]
05/16/26	Daily Situation Report [26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026]
05/16/26	Daily Situation Report [26-0010 09APR Severe Weather]
05/17/26	NWS Brownsville: Rip Currents, Heat, and Returning Rain Chances
05/17/26	Daily NWS Threat Brief

Weather Forecast

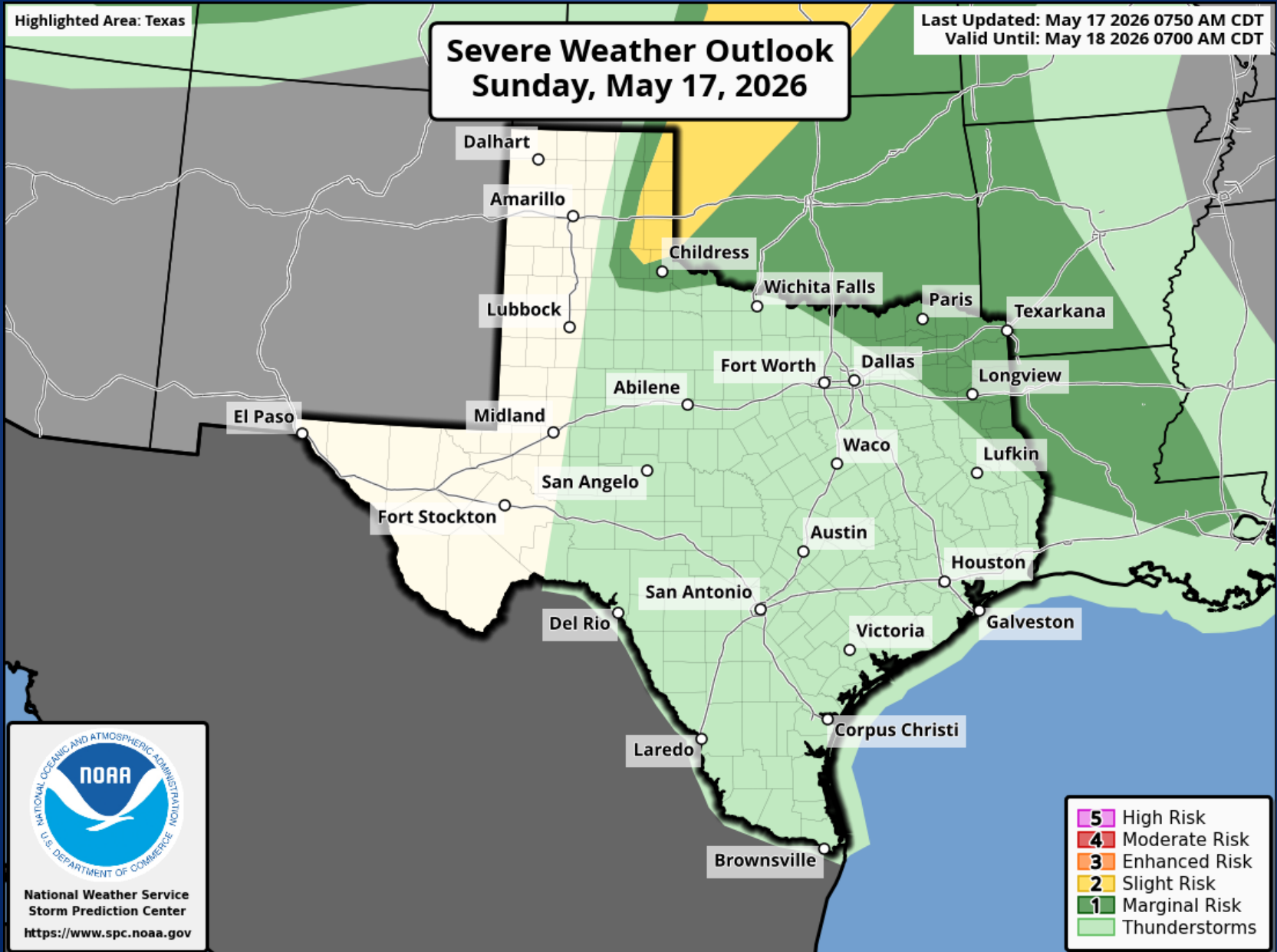


Wind Speed



Wind Gust

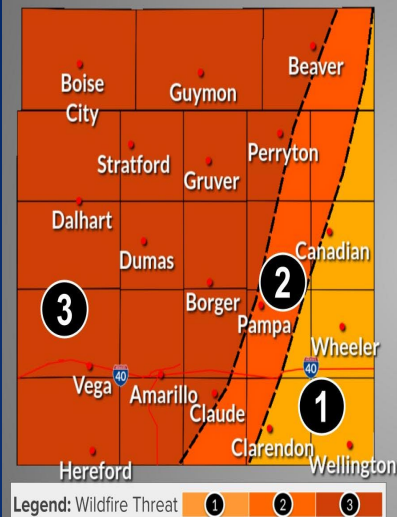
Hazardous Weather



Hazardous Weather

Critical to Extreme Fire Weather Today

Updated:
Sun May 17, 2026 3:48 AM



What to Expect



Southerly and southwesterly winds gusting upwards of **35 to 45 mph** with **very dry conditions**



Increased potential for **wildfire starts** and fires may **spread quickly**



Timing

Extremely Critical Fire Weather:
12 PM - 9 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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Extremely warm and dry conditions continue across the combined Panhandles. However, breezy southwest winds are expected to create not only critical fire weather conditions but also extreme fire weather conditions.

Red Flag Warning

12 PM Sunday - 9 PM Sunday

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



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



Southwest at **20 to 30 mph**



Gusts up to **40 mph**



Relative humidity as low as **5 percent**



Fire Danger



Low



Elevated



Critical



Extreme

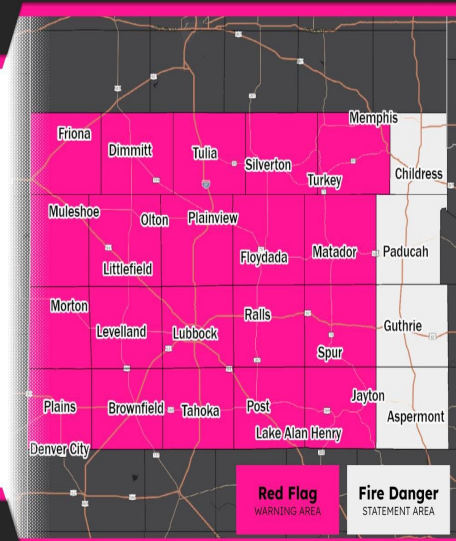


REPORT FIRES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES



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Hot temperatures, breezy winds, and low RH values will once again bring critical fire danger to the region on Sunday. A Red Flag Warning is in effect from noon until 9 PM Sunday for the far southern Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and much of the Rolling Plains.

Hazardous Weather

Small Craft Advisory

Through Monday AM



- Baffin Bay to Matagorda Bay 0-60 NM
- All Inland Bays and the Laguna Madre



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| SEAS | WIND |
| • 5-7 FT | • SE Around 20 KT |
| • Choppy to Occasionally Rough | |

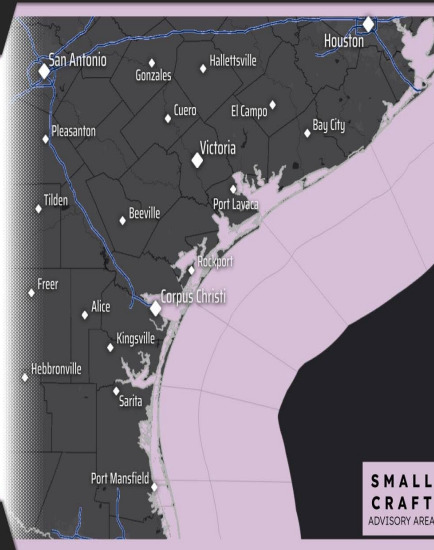


- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.



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SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY AREA

Small Craft Advisory

Until 9AM Monday

Latest info at weather.gov/bro



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



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| BAY & SEAS | WIND |
| • Choppy Bay | • SE 20 kt |
| • Seas of 4-6 ft | • Gusts: 25-30 kt |

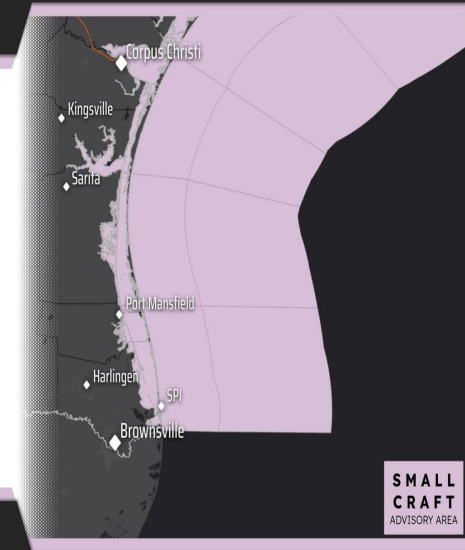


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SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY AREA

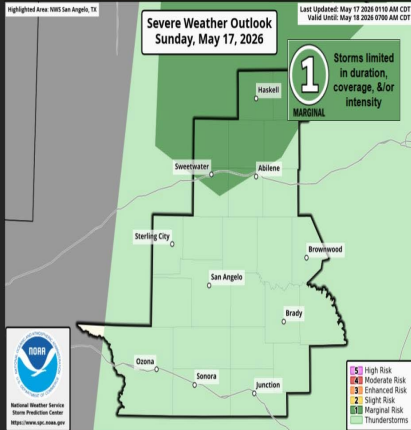
A persistent SE'ly wind at around 20 kts will increase seas to 5-7 ft leading to hazardous conditions for smaller vessels. A Small Craft Advisory is in effect through Monday morning. Smaller vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions.

A Small Craft Advisory is now in effect for all coastal waters through 9 AM Monday for frequent wind gusts to 30 kts, choppy bay conditions, and seas of 4-6 ft.

Hazardous Weather

Severe Thunderstorm Outlook for Today

Highest Local Risk: **Slight** (Level 1 out of 5)



While mainly dry conditions are expected, if a thunderstorm develops, it could become severe. Areas along/north of I-20 have the greatest potential for a severe storms.

Wind gusts over 60 mph are possible with hail up to the size of quarters.

Between 6 pm and 9 pm this evening

Main Potential Hazards:



Severe wind gusts over 60 mph.



Large Hail (Up to 1 inch)



Lightning

National Weather Service - San Angelo
weather.gov/SJT
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While the potential is low, an isolated thunderstorm could become severe late this afternoon and evening, mainly along and north of I-20. The main hazards are damaging winds and large hail.

Red Flag Warning

Avoid activities that may cause a spark

Latest info at weather.gov/Midland



This Afternoon and Evening



Southeast New Mexico, Guadalupe Mountains and surrounding foothills and plains, and the northwestern Permian Basin



- Winds: Southwest 20-30 mph, gusts up to 40 mph...higher in the mountains
- Relative Humidity: As low as 5%
- Very dry fuels



- Avoid open flames or sparks
- Properly discard cigarettes
- NO outdoor burning of any kind



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Strong southwest winds along with low relative humidity and above average temperatures will result in critical fire weather conditions this afternoon west of the dryline.

Hazardous Weather

Red Flag Warning

Sunday, May 17, 2026



Southern New Mexico and Far West Texas, including Lincoln and Gila NF



- Wind: West 20 to 30 mph, gusts up to 50 mph (strongest along E to N facing mountain slopes)
- Relative Humidity: 5 to 10%
- RFTI: 4 to 6, Critical



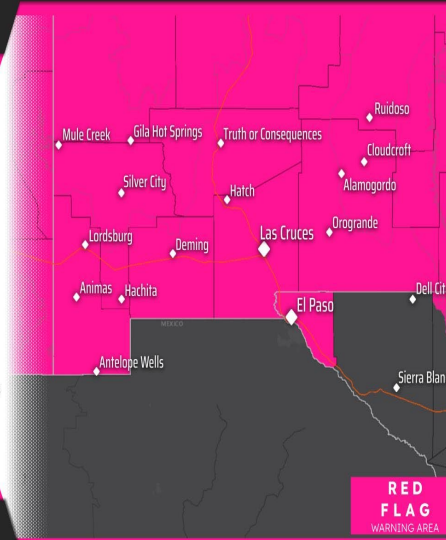
- Avoid creating open flames or sparks
- Keep vehicles off of dry grass
- Report wildfires to authorities



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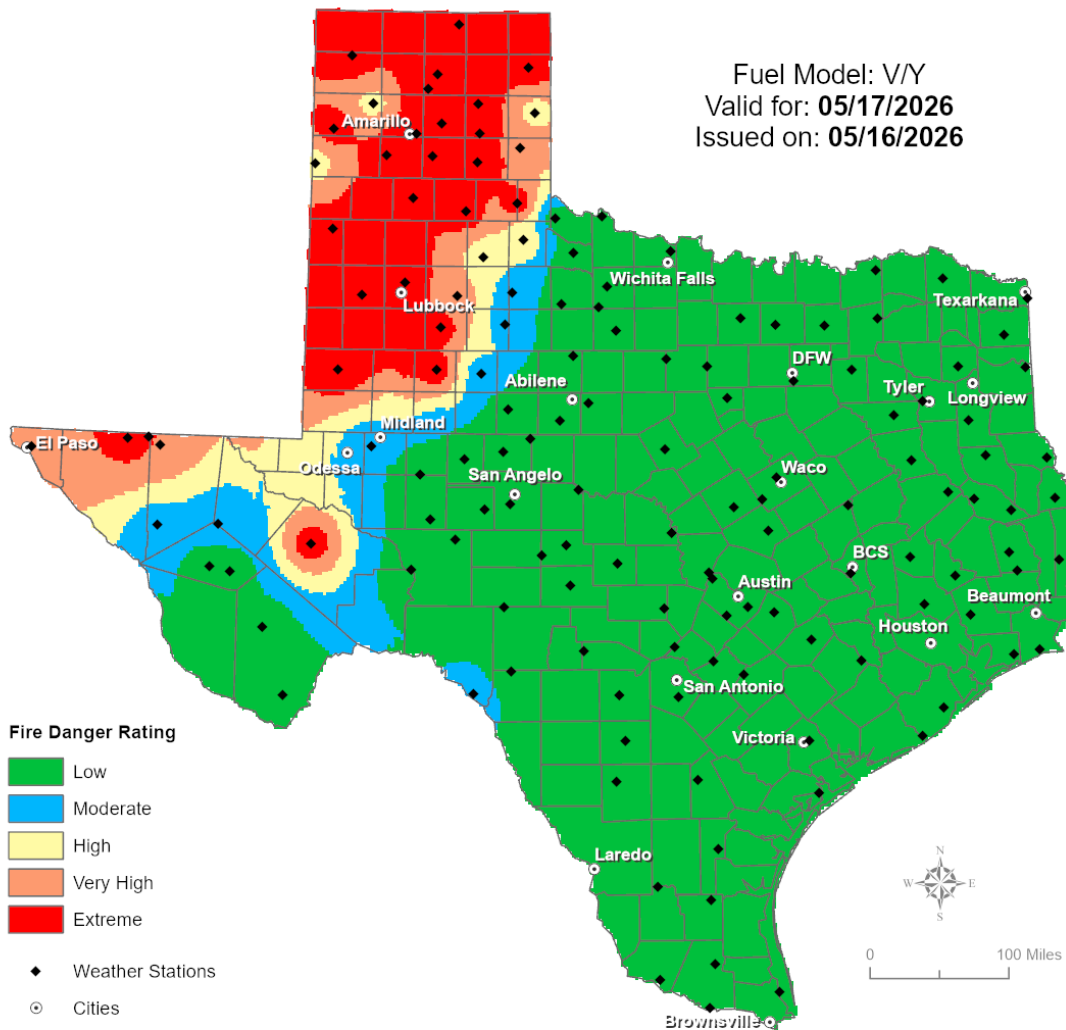
Red Flag Warning in effect on Sunday, May 17th, across Southern New Mexico and Far West Texas, including the Lincoln and Gila National Forests. Winds will be out of the west at 20-30 mph, with gusts up to 50 mph. Relative humidity will be as low as 5%,. Critical fire weather conditions will exist. Any fires that develop will likely spread quickly. Avoid creating open flames or sparks, and report wildfires to the authorities.

Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
05/16/26	Heat Advisory	Randall County
05/16/26	Beach Hazard Statement	Brazoria, Calhoun, Galveston, and Matagorda Counties
05/16/26	Heat Advisory	Randall County
05/17/26	Small Craft Advisory	Aransas, Cameron, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Willacy Counties
05/17/26	Rip Current Statement	Aransas, Calhoun, Cameron, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio, and Willacy Counties

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger



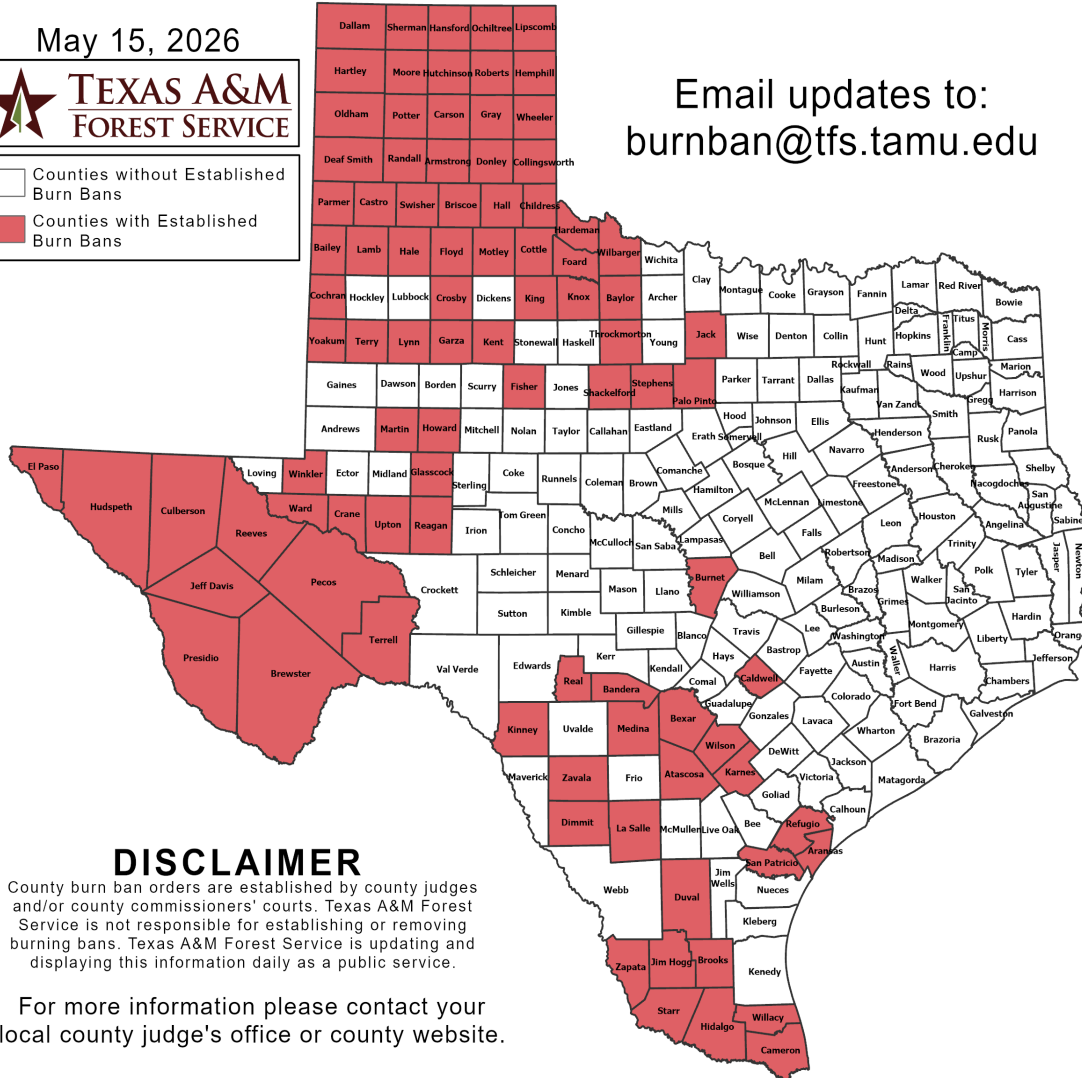
Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

May 15, 2026



Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans



Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

Counties with Burn Bans: 92

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| Aransas | Garza | Palo Pinto |
| Armstrong | Glasscock | Parmer |
| Atascosa | Gray | Pecos |
| Bailey | Hale | Potter |
| Bandera | Hall | Presidio |
| Baylor | Hansford | Randall |
| Bexar | Hardeman | Reagan |
| Brewster | Hartley | Real |
| Briscoe | Hemphill | Reeves |
| Brooks | Hidalgo | Refugio |
| Burnet | Howard | Roberts |
| Caldwell | Hudspeth | San Patricio |
| Cameron | Hutchinson | Shackelford |
| Carson | Jack | Sherman |
| Castro | Jeff Davis | Starr |
| Childress | Jim Hogg | Stephens |
| Cochran | Karnes | Swisher |
| Collingsworth | Kent | Terrell |
| Cottle | King | Terry |
| Crane | Kinney | Throckmorton |
| Crosby | Knox | Upton |
| Culberson | Lamb | Ward |
| Dallam | La Salle | Wheeler |
| Deaf Smith | Lipscomb | Wilbarger |
| Dimmit | Lynn | Willacy |
| Donley | Martin | Wilson |
| Duval | Medina | Winkler |
| El Paso | Moore | Yoakum |
| Fisher | Motley | Zapata |
| Floyd | Ochiltree | Zavala |
| Foard | Oldham | |

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

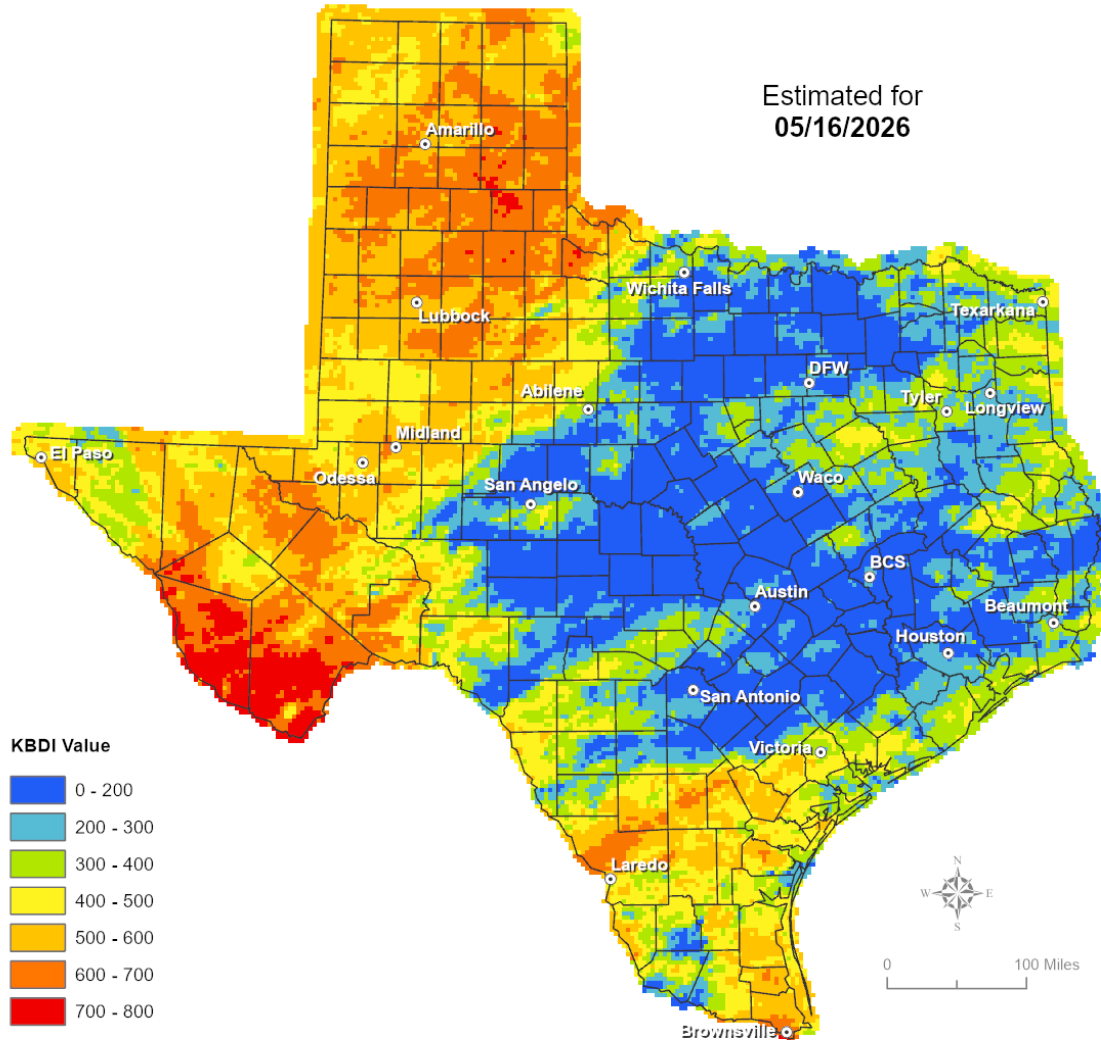
Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
05/16/2026



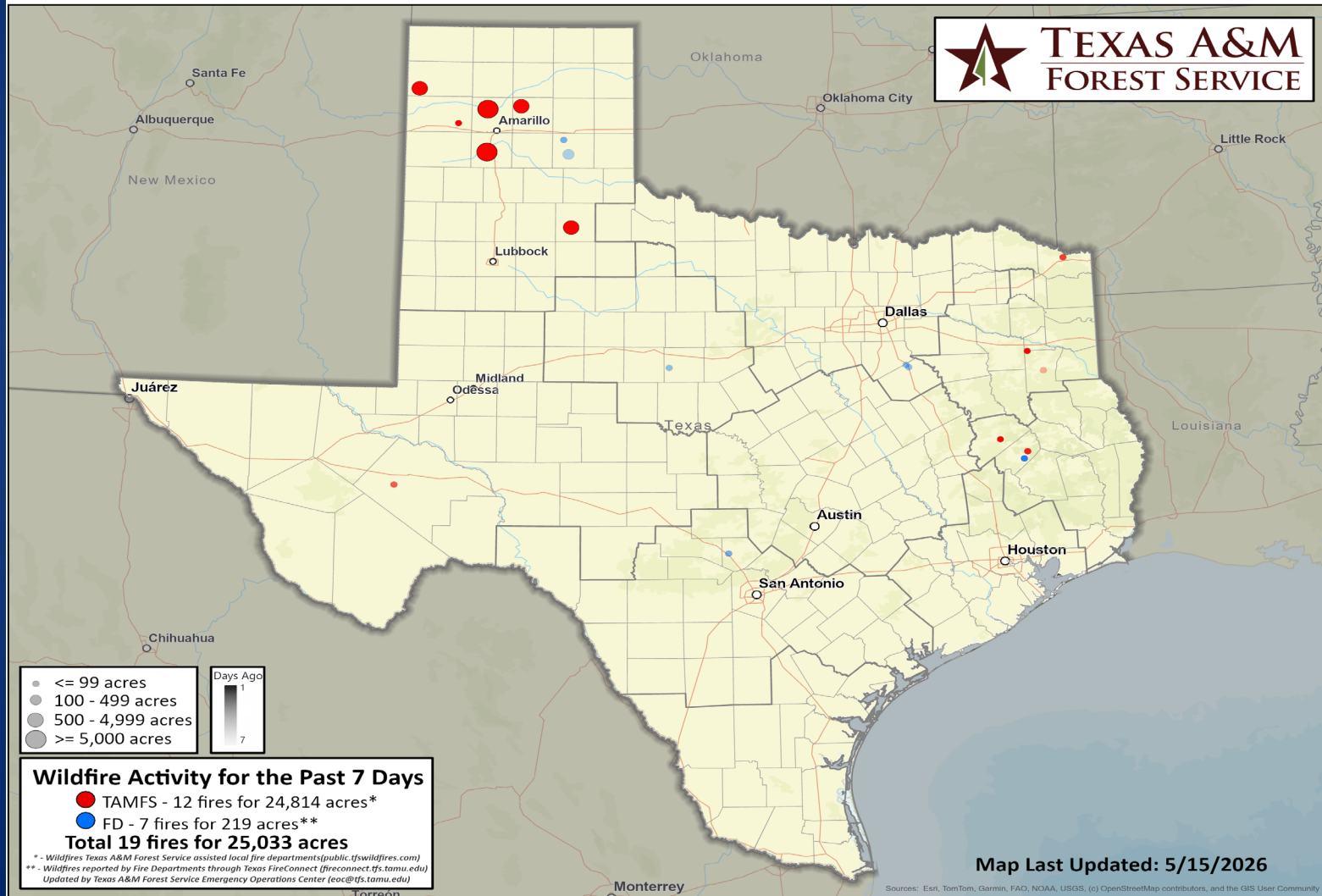
Fire Weather

Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
05/16/26	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collingsworth, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, El Paso, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Kent, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum Counties
05/16/26	Fire Weather Watch	Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, El Paso, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum Counties
05/16/26	Fire Danger Statement	Childress, Cottle, King, and Stonewall Counties

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 676 (No Change) fires and 92,576 (No Change) acres have been burned this year. There are 92 (No Change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list contains 96 (No Change) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
05/15/26	05/17/26	Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training	G-317	Killeen

Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
05/16/26	05/18/26	University Park	SMU Spring Graduation
05/16/26	05/17/26	Houston	Lone Star Regional (15s-17s)
05/16/26	05/17/26	Crystal Beach	Crystal Beach Jeep Weekend

Exercises

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
05/18/26	05/18/26	El Paso	Tabletop: Paso Del Norte Regional Disaster Housing Plan TTX