



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0012 14MAY Hunggate Fire FM-5633
Date	May 17, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 16, 2026, to 8:00 AM May 17, 2026
Report Number	1

TDEM Regions Affected	1
Disaster Districts Activated	1

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 16, Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a request from the State of Texas for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Hunggate Fire in Randall County, which has threatened and damaged homes and infrastructure in the Texas Panhandle and forced local evacuations.

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 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): DDEOC 1 activated to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions on May 15.

Randall County:

The Hunggate fire has burned approximately 34,005 acres and is 60% contained with five structures lost and one threatened. There have been approximately 310

evacuations A temporary shelter has been established at the Cole Community Center in Canyon. Seven structures have been lost. The Chocolate Chip Fire has been merged with the Hunggate Fire.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) agents and County Extension Strike Team (ST) members remain on standby to support animal response operations, as well as other fire response and recovery efforts, as requested. As of May 16, 24 DAR Specialists and three Area Chiefs are on standby to support wildfire response efforts. An AgriLife Extension Service representative at DDEOC 1 in Amarillo, along with a DAR Specialist, is supporting the Incident Management Team (IMT) in Amarillo. As of May 16, there have been two requests for damage assessments.”

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

The Texas A&M Forest Service has pre-positioned heavy equipment, engines, and aircraft across regions impacted by elevated fire weather conditions. Out-of-State personnel and equipment are integrated with TAMFS in aviation support, field operations and other support roles to augment State resources for a safe and effective response. In total, TAMFS has 20 personnel committed to the Hunggate FMAG Wildfire.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

On May 15, TxDOT reported temporary road closures on Interstate Highway (IH) 27 and United States Highway (US) 87 in Randall County. As of May 16, there were no state-maintained roadways closed due to wildfires. TxDOT continues their mission of maintaining safe roadways for the traveling public during adverse conditions such as wildfires. TxDOT Amarillo is providing fuel support on the Hunggate Fire. TxDOT Emergency Management continues to support the State Operations Center (SOC).

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

On May 15, DSHS was notified that the Hunggate Fire had met the criteria for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). DSHS demobilized Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources from the 26-0001 Wildfire Incident and reassigned them to support the Hunggate Fire. The DSHS State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) remains at limited activation and continues to support response operations.

On May 15, the Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) State Coordinating Office (SCO) and Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) were assigned to provide remote support to the State Operations Center (SOC). Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Teams 13

and 15, along with the Rapid Extraction Module (REM), were assigned to the Hunggate Fire in Randall County.

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
Agrilife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
Agrilife	AgriLife Administration	2	2	Assigned	College Station
Agrilife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Assigned	College Station
Agrilife	DAR Specialists/Area Chiefs	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo/Canyon
Agrilife	DDEOC Representative/ Strike Team Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
Agrilife	TDEM IMT Support	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	Remote (SOC)
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	Remote (SOC)
DSHS	Area MEDL and Tech Spec	2	1	Activated	Statewide
DSHS	WLFS Package Team 13	6	4	Assigned	Randall County
DSHS	WLFS Package Team 15	6	4	Assigned	Lubbock County
TAMFS	TIFMAS Engine Boss	1	1	Assigned	Randall County
TAMFS	All Hazard Strike Teams	19	6	Assigned	Randall County
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Local District Support	10	9	Assigned	Amarillo District
TxDOT	Local District Support	5	4	Assigned	Childress District

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-2>

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