

Central-Tex Fire History

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Local Fire History





Game Changer



The Big Three



Topography

- Least changing
- Hill Country
- Aspect
- Position on slope
- Alignment



Weather

- Wind
- Temperature
- Relative Humidity



Fuels (Dryness)

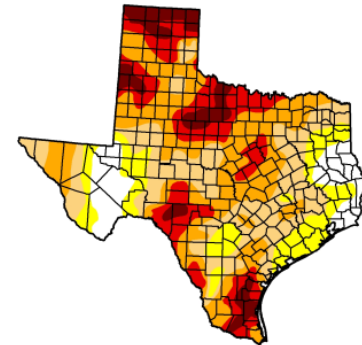
- Grasses
- Brush
- Small diameter trees
- Larger trees

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

February 5, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.52	90.48	77.26	52.64	23.72	7.79
Last Week (01/29/2013 map)	10.38	89.62	76.15	51.20	22.12	6.57
3 Months Ago (11/06/2012 map)	15.44	84.56	59.90	33.55	16.98	4.68
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	3.04	96.96	87.00	65.39	35.03	11.96
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	9.13	90.87	78.73	57.41	24.91	5.18
One Year Ago (01/31/2012 map)	4.93	95.07	90.66	80.78	59.79	27.36

Intensity:



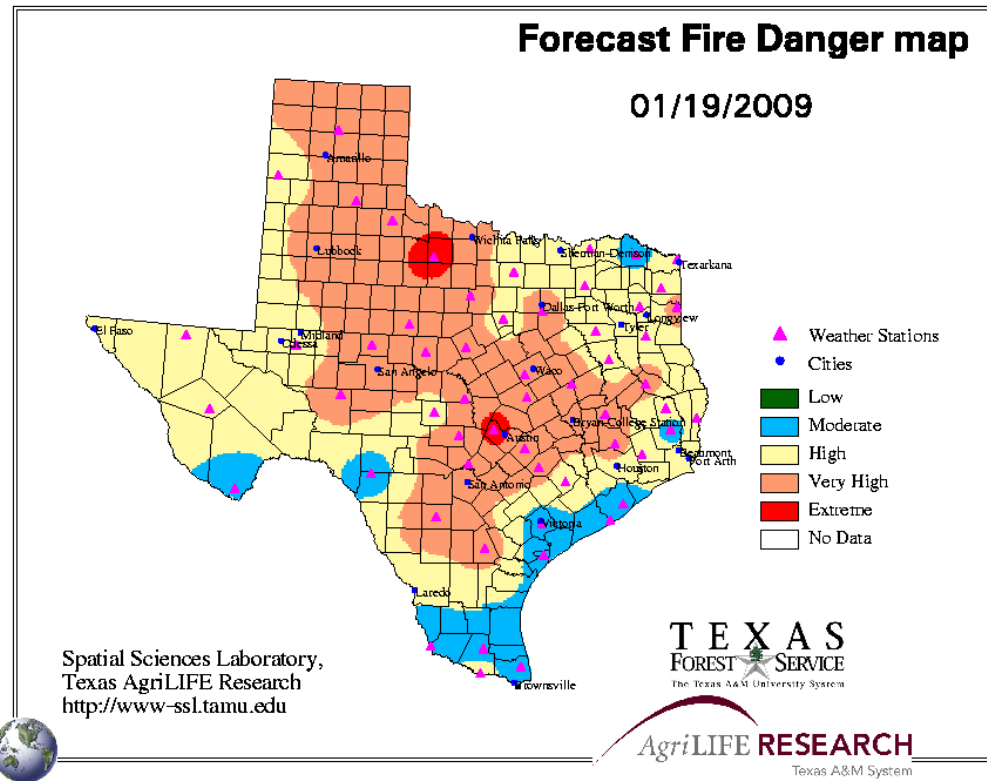
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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When is it a problem?



Major Central Texas wildfires Sunday



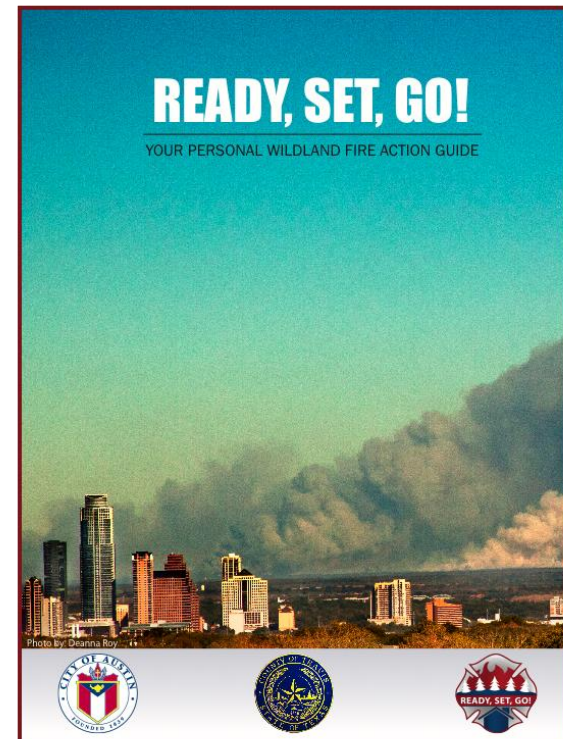
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Fire conditions



Local Motion

- Joint Wildfire TF
 - R-S-G
 - CWPP
 - Evacuations
 - Planning
 - Resources



National Cohesive Strategy

- **(3) Wildfire Response: All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.**



National Cohesive Strategy

- **(1) Restore and Maintain Landscapes:** Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire- related disturbances in accordance with management objectives.
- **(2) Fire-adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property.

Your Role?

- Thank you for your time
- Learn from today
- Learn to live with fire
- Open mind
- **COOPERATE!**

