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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/07/09 11:55 CST		4K	High Wind (MAX 56 kt)
	03/07/09 11:56 CST		0	

A tight surface pressure gradient across the central and eastern Oklahoma Panhandle produced strong gusty winds during the early afternoon hours. High winds reportedly gusted to around fifty-six knots seven to eight miles north and northwest of Turpin Oklahoma where a tin roof was removed and an electrical pole was snapped. No injuries were reported.

BEAVER COUNTY --- 6.0 NE BEAVER [36.88, -100.44]

	03/20/09 21:00 CST		0	Hail (0.88 in)
	03/20/09 21:05 CST		0	Source: Emergency Manager

A severe thunderstorm developed and moved across the eastern Oklahoma Panhandle during the late evening hours producing hail. No damage or injuries were reported.

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS, (OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/26/09 18:00 CST		0.45M	Blizzard
	03/28/09 12:00 CST		0	

A vigorous low pressure system in the upper atmosphere moved just south of the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles and produced widespread heavy snow...strong and gusty winds...and low visibilities. As much as two feet of snow fell across the central Oklahoma Panhandle during this blizzard along with snow drifts as high as eight to ten feet. Residents lost power in the Oklahoma Panhandle and the blizzard caused several vehicular accidents...however no injuries or fatalities were reported. Thousands of cattle were reported killed by the blizzard.

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This photograph was taken by the cooperative observer in Turpin Oklahoma during the March 26 to March 28 2009 Blizzard.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z012) POTTER

03/02/09 16:30 CST	30K	Wildfire
03/02/09 17:00 CST	0	

The Northeast Potter County Wildfire began about nine miles northeast of Amarillo at approximately 1630 CST and was controlled around 1700 CST. The Texas Forest Service responded to the fire which burned an estimated three acres. A spark from a running lawn mower started the wildfire and there was a report that one barn was destroyed in the fire but another was saved. There were no reports of injuries.

(TX-Z013) CARSON

03/03/09 00:15 CST	0	Wildfire
03/03/09 05:30 CST	0	

The Carson McNeal Wildfire began around 0015 CST approximately five to six miles north of Panhandle...just west of the intersection of State Highway 207 and County Road 17. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be due to faulty oil field equipment. No damage or injuries were reported. A total of twelve fire departments and other agencies responded to the wildfire which consumed an estimated three hundred acres. The wildfire was contained by 0530 CST.

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(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON				
	03/05/09 15:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/07/09 18:00 CST		0	
<p>The Spring Creek Wildfire began approximately 1500 CST approximately eight miles northeast of Borger. The wildfire burned an estimated three thousand acres...however no structures were threatened or damaged. There were no injuries reported. The wildfire was caused by faulty oil field equipment and was contained as of 1800 CST on 3/7/09. A total of nine fire departments responded to the wildfire including the Texas Forest Service.</p>				
(TX-Z014) GRAY				
	03/07/09 14:26 CST		0	High Wind (MAX 50 kt)
	03/07/09 14:27 CST		0	
<p>A tight surface pressure gradient resulted in strong winds across the east central Texas Panhandle during the afternoon hours. No damage or injuries were reported.</p> <p>The Pampa AWOS station located five miles north northwest of Pampa measured a fifty knot wind gust.</p>				
(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON				
	03/09/09 15:42 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/10/09 15:00 CST		0	
<p>The Lazy J Wildfire began around 1542 CST approximately eleven miles east southeast of Stinnett near the Canadian River north of Farm to Market Road 280 in southeast Hutchinson County. The wildfire burned an estimated eighteen hundred acres...however no structures were threatened or damaged. There were no injuries reported. The wildfire was caused by transmission lines and was contained as of 1500 CST on 3/10/09. A total of six fire departments responded to the wildfire.</p>				
(TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB				
	03/17/09 17:40 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/17/09 22:00 CST		0	
<p>The King Ranch 3260 Wildfire began around 1740 CST approximately nine miles west of Lipscomb...just north of Ranch Road 3260 in Lipscomb County. The wildfire burned an estimated six hundred and forty acres...however no structures were threatened or damaged. There were no reports of injuries. A total of 4 fire departments responded to the wildfire which was contained between 2130 and 2200 hours CST. The wildfire was caused from vehicles driving over the dry grasses.</p>				
(TX-Z006) HARTLEY				
	03/21/09 18:16 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/21/09 19:30 CST		0	
<p>The Beck Ranch Wildfire began around 1816 CST approximately twelve miles north northwest of Middle Water in northwest Hartley County northwest of U.S. Highway 54. The wildfire burned an estimated three hundred acres...although no structures were threatened or damaged. There were no injuries reported. A total of three fire departments responded to the wildfire which was caused by lightning. The wildfire was contained between 1900 and 1930 hours CST.</p>				
<p>(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z010) HEMPHILL, (TX-Z011) OLDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z015) WHEELER, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG, (TX-Z019) DONLEY</p>				
	03/26/09 18:00 CST		0.80M	Blizzard
	03/28/09 12:00 CST		0	
<p>A vigorous low pressure system in the upper atmosphere moved just south of the Texas Panhandle and produced blizzard conditions across all but the extreme southeast Texas Panhandle. As much as two feet of snow fell across the northeast Texas Panhandle with generally four to twelve inches of snow elsewhere. Approximately thirteen hundred residents in southeast Amarillo lost power along with twelve hundred residents in the Darrouzett...Follett...and Higgins areas...and six hundred residents in the Pringle area north of Stinnett. There were one hundred and thirty-six stranded motorists rescued in the Dalhart area and Amarillo police officers worked sixty-seven vehicular accidents due to the blizzard. Preliminary estimates are that about thirty-four hundred cattle were killed in the blizzard. No injuries or fatalities were reported.</p>				

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This photographs of stranded motorists in the March 26 to March 28 2009 Blizzard was taken by the Dallam and Hartley County Emergency Manager.

(TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH	03/30/09 13:42 CST	0	High Wind (MAX 55 kt)
	03/30/09 15:33 CST	0	

Strong gradient winds developed during the afternoon hours across the western and central Texas Panhandle. No damage or injuries were reported.

The broadcast media measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty-four knots at the Oasis RV Resort located three miles east of Bushland.

The ASOS station located three miles southwest of Dalhart measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty-three knots.

The West Texas Mesonet station located two miles northwest of Hereford measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty knots.

The broadcast media measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty-two knots at the Administrative Building located in Hereford.

The AWOS station located three miles west of Dumas measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty-one knots.

The ASOS station located six miles east northeast of Amarillo measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty-five knots.

The broadcast media measured a non-thunderstorm wind gust of fifty-four knots in Groom.

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(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON	03/30/09 15:45 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/30/09 19:00 CST		0	

The Highway 1059 Wildfire began around 1545 CST approximately seven miles east of Borger in southeast Hutchinson County near Farm to Market Road 1059. The wildfire burned an estimated five hundred acres...although no structures were threatened or damaged and there were no injuries reported. A total of four fire departments responded to the wildfire which was caused by transmission lines. The wildfire was contained by 1900 hours CST.