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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z002) TEXAS

	03/06/18 09:45 CST	0		Wildfire
	03/06/18 18:00 CST	0		

The Beasley Ranch Command Wildfire began around 0945CST about three miles southwest of Optima Oklahoma in Texas County. There were no homes or other structures threatened, damaged or destroyed by the wildfire and there were also no injuries or fatalities. The wildfire consumed five hundred and sixty acres. There were a total of eleven fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Oklahoma Forestry Services. The wildfire was contained around 1800CST.

BEAVER COUNTY --- 5.5 S BEAVER [36.74, -100.52]

	03/18/18 19:42 CST	0		Hail (1.00 in)
	03/18/18 19:42 CST	0		Source: Trained Spotter

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(OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/23/18 15:22 CST	0		Wildfire
	03/23/18 19:00 CST	0		

The NS149 and Highway 3 Wildfire began around 1522CST about nine miles north northwest of Logan Oklahoma in Beaver County. The wildfire consumed approximately two thousand acres. There was a report that one home was destroyed by the wildfire, however there were no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were also no reports of any other home or structures threatened. There were a total of fifteen fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was contained around 1900CST.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	03/02/18 17:36 CST	0		Wildfire
	03/03/18 09:00 CST	0		

The FM 2381 wildfire began around 1736CST about three miles north of Bushland Texas in Potter county. The wildfire started just east of Farm to Market Road 2381 north of the Bushland High School. The wildfire consumed a measured four hundred and ninety-six acres. There were roughly fifteen to thirty homes threatened however no homes or other structures were damaged or destroyed. There were also no reports of injuries or fatalities. Farm to Market Road 2381 and Farm to Market Road 1061 had been closed due to low visibilities. There were a total of two fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The wildfire was contained around 0900CST on March 3.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	03/06/18 10:30 CST	0		Wildfire
	03/06/18 14:00 CST	0		

The County Line South Wildfire began around 1030CST about two miles south of Shamrock Texas in Wheeler County. The cause of the wildfire was a vehicle dragging a chain. There were two homes and two other structures threatened however no homes or other structures were damaged or destroyed by the wildfire. There was one near miss, however there no injuries or fatalities. The wildfire consumed three hundred and twenty-five acres. There were a total of five fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was contained around 1330CST to 1400CST.

(TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH

	03/15/18 12:50 CST	0		Wildfire
	03/15/18 15:00 CST	0		

The 1062 Wildfire began about three miles north of Dawn Texas in Deaf Smith County around 1205CST. The wildfire consumed an estimated three hundred acres and began at the Top of Texas Cotton Gin north of Dawn and burned in grass fuels. There were no

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reports of any homes or other structures threatened and there were also no reports of any homes or other structures damaged or destroyed. There were no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There was a report that one hundred and twenty cotton modules burned. The wildfire was contained around 1500CST. The Texas A&M Forest Service, along with several other fire departments and fire agencies, responded to the wildfire. The resources assigned included a TFS dozer strike team.

(TX-Z007) MOORE

	03/15/18 14:51 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/15/18 19:30 CST	0	

The Ponder's Place Wildfire began around 1451CST about ten miles west of Dumas Texas in Moore County. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be from pasture and field burning. The wildfire consumed one thousand two hundred and sixty-one acres. There was a report of one home and one other structure threatened by the wildfire and one other structure was reported destroyed. There were no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were a total of six fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was contained around 1930CST.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	03/15/18 15:18 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/16/18 01:30 CST	0	

The Gravel Pit Wildfire began about seven miles north of Amarillo Texas in Potter county around 1518CST. The wildfire consisted of three fires: one near Dumas Texas, another fire in Potter County near the Fain Gas Plant, and another fire near Masterson Texas. The Fain Gas Plant, the Blue Knight Oil Plant, and the J. Lee Milligan Asphalt Plant were evacuated. The wildfire consumed two thousand nine hundred and seventy-six acres. The cause of the wildfire was determined to from faulty vehicle equipment or vehicle dragging a chain. There were ten homes and forty other structures that were threatened by the wildfire but were saved, however there were no homes or other structures destroyed by the wildfire. There also no reports of injuries or fatalities. The wildfire was contained around 0100CST to 0130CST March 16. There were a total of two fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources assigned to the wildfire included a TFS taskforce, TIFMAS engine strike team, three single engine air tankers, an aerial supervision platform and other support overhead.

(TX-Z011) OLDHAM

	03/15/18 17:08 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/16/18 05:00 CST	0	

The County Line Wildfire began around 1708CST about four or five miles south southeast of Channing Texas in Oldham County. The wildfire was caused by smoking materials which was started in open field. The wildfire consumed fifteen thousand six hundred and eighty-two acres in Hartley, Oldham and Moore Counties. There were two homes and five other structures threatened by the wildfire but were saved. There were no reports of any homes or other structures damaged or destroyed by the wildfire. There were also no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were a total of twelve fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources assigned included two TFS task forces, three single engine air tankers, one heavy air tanker and an aerial supervision platform. The wildfire resulted in evacuations for residents near the Moore County and Hartley County line. The wildfire was contained between 0400CST and 0500CST March 16.

(TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB

	03/16/18 13:16 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/16/18 18:15 CST	0	

The West Follett Wildfire began about one mile west of Follett Texas in Lipscomb County around 1316CST. The wildfire consumed approximately two thousand acres. The wildfire burned towards the western side of Follett and one hundred and eighty-two homes and ten other structures were threatened and evacuations were ordered. There were several plastic fertilizer tanks and a grain elevator that burned down. There were no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were no reports of any homes damaged or destroyed. There were a total of twelve fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The wildfire was contained around 1745CST and 1815CST.

(TX-Z006) HARTLEY

	03/18/18 17:17 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/19/18 01:00 CST	0	

The Channing Wildfire began about four miles north northeast of Channing Texas in Hartley County around 1717CST. The cause of the wildfire was downed power lines and power poles. The wildfire started after twelve power poles were downed by the high winds near Farm to Market Road 722 and US Highway 385 in an open field. There was a report of two homes, five barns, windmills and an oil infrastructure threatened although no homes or other structures were reported damaged or destroyed. The wildfire consumed an estimated forty-five hundred acres. There were a total of five fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources assigned included a TFS taskforce, three single engine air tankers, a heavy air

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tanker, lead plane and an aerial supervision platform. The wildfire was contained around 0000CST and 0100CST on March 19.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	03/18/18 17:58 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/19/18 06:00 CST	0	

The Ninth Avenue Wildfire began about six miles east of Bushland Texas in Potter County around 1758CST. The wildfire was caused by downed power lines and burned towards northwest Amarillo which resulted in the Amarillo Medical District being threatened with evacuations being ordered. There were no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were fifty homes and twenty-six other structures that were threatened by the wildfire but were saved. There were no reports of any homes or other structures damaged or destroyed by the wildfire. The wildfire consumed an estimated four hundred acres. There were a total of fourteen fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources assigned included a TFS taskforce and a TIFMAS engine strike team. The wildfire was contained around 0600CST on March 19.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	03/18/18 18:15 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/19/18 12:00 CST	0	

The Old Muddy Road Wildfire began about nineteen and a half miles northwest of Amarillo Texas in Potter County around 1815CST. The wildfire was caused by downed power lines and consumed four thousand and four hundred and eighty acres. There was a report of twenty homes threatened and thirteen homes destroyed by the wildfire. There were also forty other structures threatened and ten other structures destroyed. There were no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were a total of nine fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources assigned included two TFS taskforces, two TIFMAS engine strike teams, two heavy air tankers, lead plane and an aerial supervision platform. The wildfire was contained around 1100CST and 1200CST on March 19.

HANSFORD COUNTY --- 4.9 S SPEARMAN [36.13, -101.19], 4.9 S SPEARMAN [36.13, -101.19]

	03/18/18 18:29 CST	0	Tornado (EF0, L: 0.06 mi , W: 25 yd)
	03/18/18 18:34 CST	0	Source: Fire Department/Rescue

Land spout tornado reported with multiple photos. Was on ground for about 5 minutes.

LIPSCOMB COUNTY --- 16.4 WSW LIPSCOMB [36.12, -100.53]

	03/18/18 19:45 CST	0	Hail (0.75 in)
	03/18/18 19:45 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

LIPSCOMB COUNTY --- 16.4 WSW LIPSCOMB [36.12, -100.53]

	03/18/18 19:48 CST	0	Hail (1.00 in)
	03/18/18 19:48 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

HEMPHILL COUNTY --- 4.3 WNW GLAZIER [36.02, -100.30], 4.2 NNW GLAZIER [36.06, -100.26]

	03/18/18 20:14 CST	0	Tornado (EF1, L: 3.15 mi , W: 70 yd)
	03/18/18 20:18 CST	0	Source: NWS Storm Survey

A tornado touched down in rural Hemphill County northwest of Glazier. The tornado caused damage to trees, power poles and out building equivalent to a lower end EF1.

LIPSCOMB COUNTY --- 12.1 S LIPSCOMB [36.06, -100.26], 10.0 SSE LIPSCOMB [36.09, -100.23]

	03/18/18 20:18 CST	0	Tornado (EF1, L: 2.88 mi , W: 70 yd)
	03/18/18 20:24 CST	0	Source: NWS Storm Survey

A tornado touched down in rural Hemphill County northwest of Glazier and continued into Lipscomb County. The tornado caused damage to trees, power poles and out building equivalent to a lower end EF1.

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(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON

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	03/23/18 13:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/24/18 01:00 CST	1	0	

The Airport Wildfire began around 1300CST about two miles north of Borger Texas in Hutchinson County near the Hutchinson County Airport. The wildfire consumed approximately one thousand acres. There were no reports of any homes or other structures threatened, damaged or destroyed by the wildfire. There was a report of one injury however no fatalities were reported. There were a total of nine fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The wildfire was contained around 0100CST on March 24.

(TX-Z013) CARSON

03/23/18 14:42 CST		0	Wildfire
03/23/18 23:00 CST	1	0	

The Carson County Gin Wildfire began about two to three miles west southwest of White Deer Texas in Carson County near the Carson County Gin around US Highway 60 and County Road X around 1442CST. The wildfire was caused by burning sawdust piles. There were reports of one home and fifteen other structures threatened by the wildfire but were saved, however no homes or other structures were destroyed. There was one report of an injury, however no fatalities were reported. The wildfire consumed seven hundred and seventy-one acres. There were a total of seven fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources included a dozer strike team. The wildfire was contained around 2300CST.

(TX-Z014) GRAY

03/23/18 15:00 CST		0	Wildfire
03/23/18 23:00 CST		0	

The Tut Creek Wildfire began around 1500CST about four miles northwest of Lefors Texas in Gray County. The wildfire is located approximately seven miles southeast of Pampa Texas. There were no reports of homes or other structures threatened, damaged or destroyed by the wildfire and there were also no reports of any injuries or fatalities. The cause of the wildfire was reported to be from faulty oil field equipment. The wildfire consumed seven thousand three hundred and thirty-four acres. There were a total of ten fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The resources included a TFS Taskforce, a TIFMAS engine strike team, four single engine air tankers and an aerial supervision platform. The wildfire was contained around 2300CST.

(TX-Z013) CARSON

03/23/18 15:05 CST		0	Wildfire
03/23/18 20:00 CST		0	

The Arrington Ranch 2 Wildfire began around 1505CST about eight miles south southeast of White Deer Texas in Carson County. The wildfire was caused by downed power lines and consumed approximately three hundred and fifty acres. There were no reports of any homes or other structures threatened, damaged or destroyed by the wildfire. There were also no reports of any injuries or fatalities. There were a total of five fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire which was contained around 2000CST.