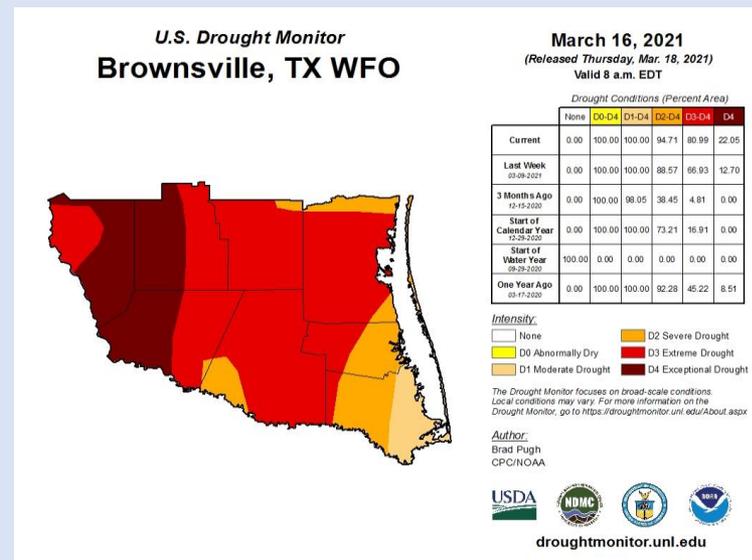
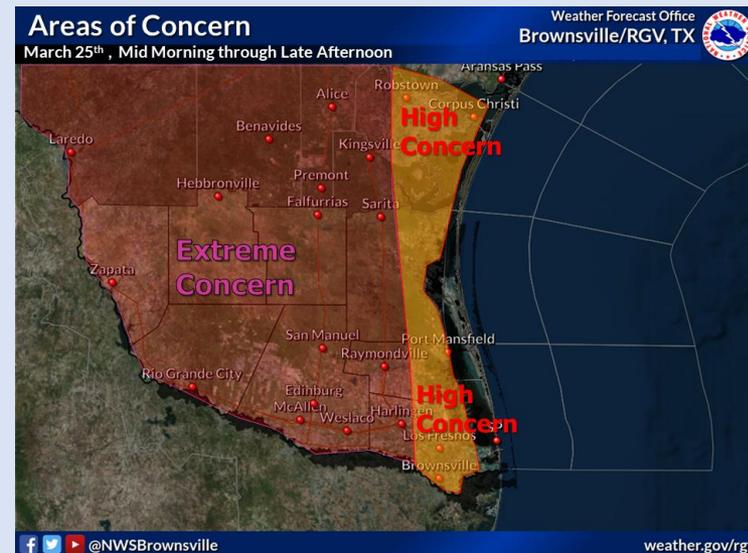


# Fire Weather Briefing – Key Points



March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Mid Morning-Late Afternoon

- “Dry” Front Will Bring a heat spike, very low humidity, and strong winds on Thursday.
- Most **extreme conditions – highest temperature, lowest humidity, strong wind** will occur over all areas except the immediate coast
- Timing for rapid to explosive spread of wildfire:
  - 10 AM to 4 PM
- Farmers/Ranchers: **Do NOT plan any activities in fields or brush on Wednesday.** A spark could ignite a conflagration in just a few hours.
- Others: **Do not plan to burn anything, anywhere.** Burn bans are in effect in most areas.



# Red Flag Warning

Critical Fire Weather Conditions Thursday

Weather Forecast Office  
Brownsville/RGV, TX

Issued Mar 24, 2021 5:46 AM CDT



## Red Flag Warning

### What:

Critical Fire Weather Conditions:

- 20ft Winds: 15 to 30 gusts to 40 mph
- Minimum Humidity: 10 to 25%

### Where:

All of Deep South Texas

### When:

From 9 AM to 6 PM Thursday

### Impacts:

- Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly.
- Outdoor burning is not recommended.

Hazards

Red Flag  
Warning

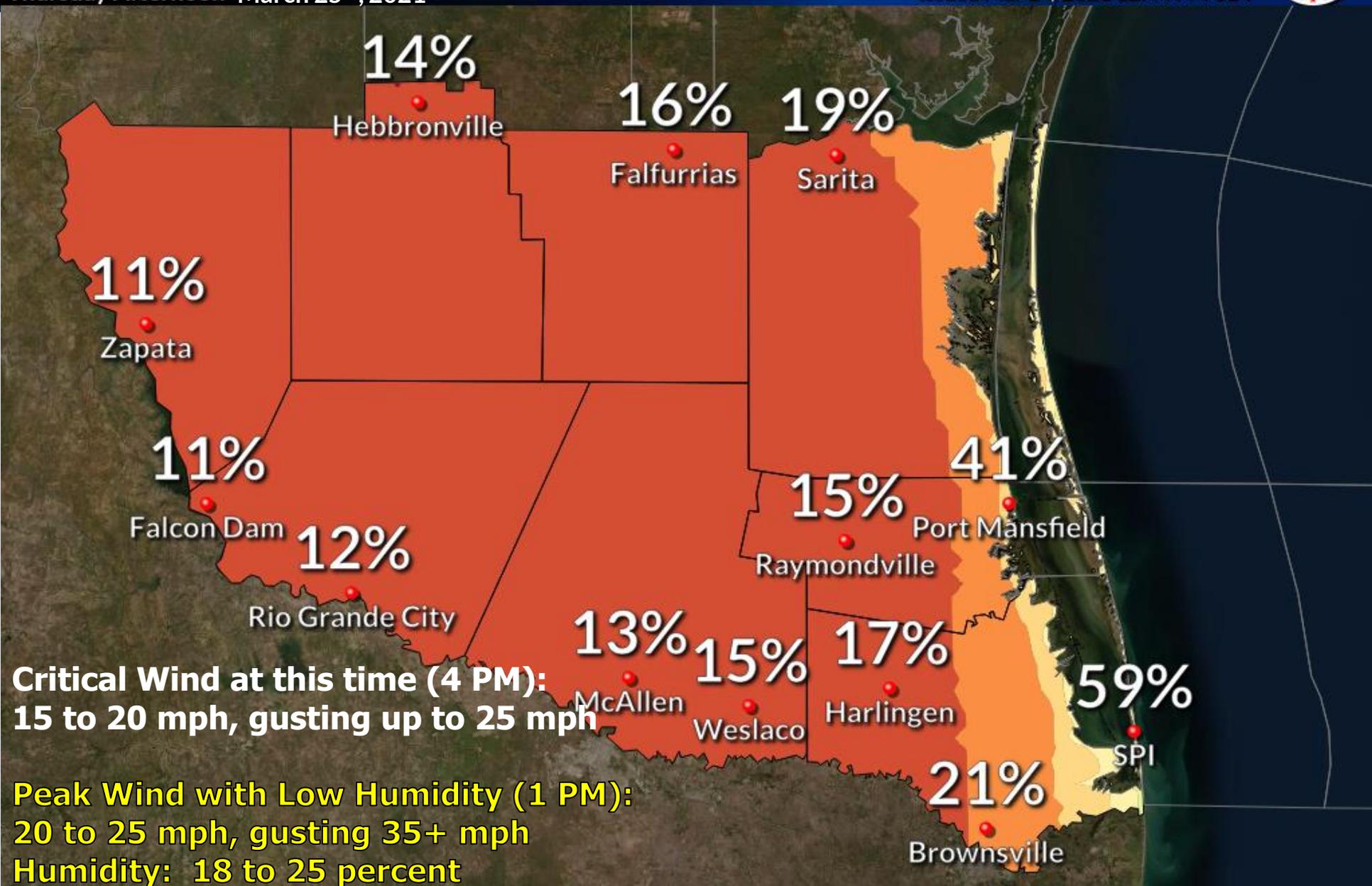
# Minimum Relative Humidity

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Thursday Afternoon March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**Critical Wind at this time (4 PM):**  
15 to 20 mph, gusting up to 25 mph

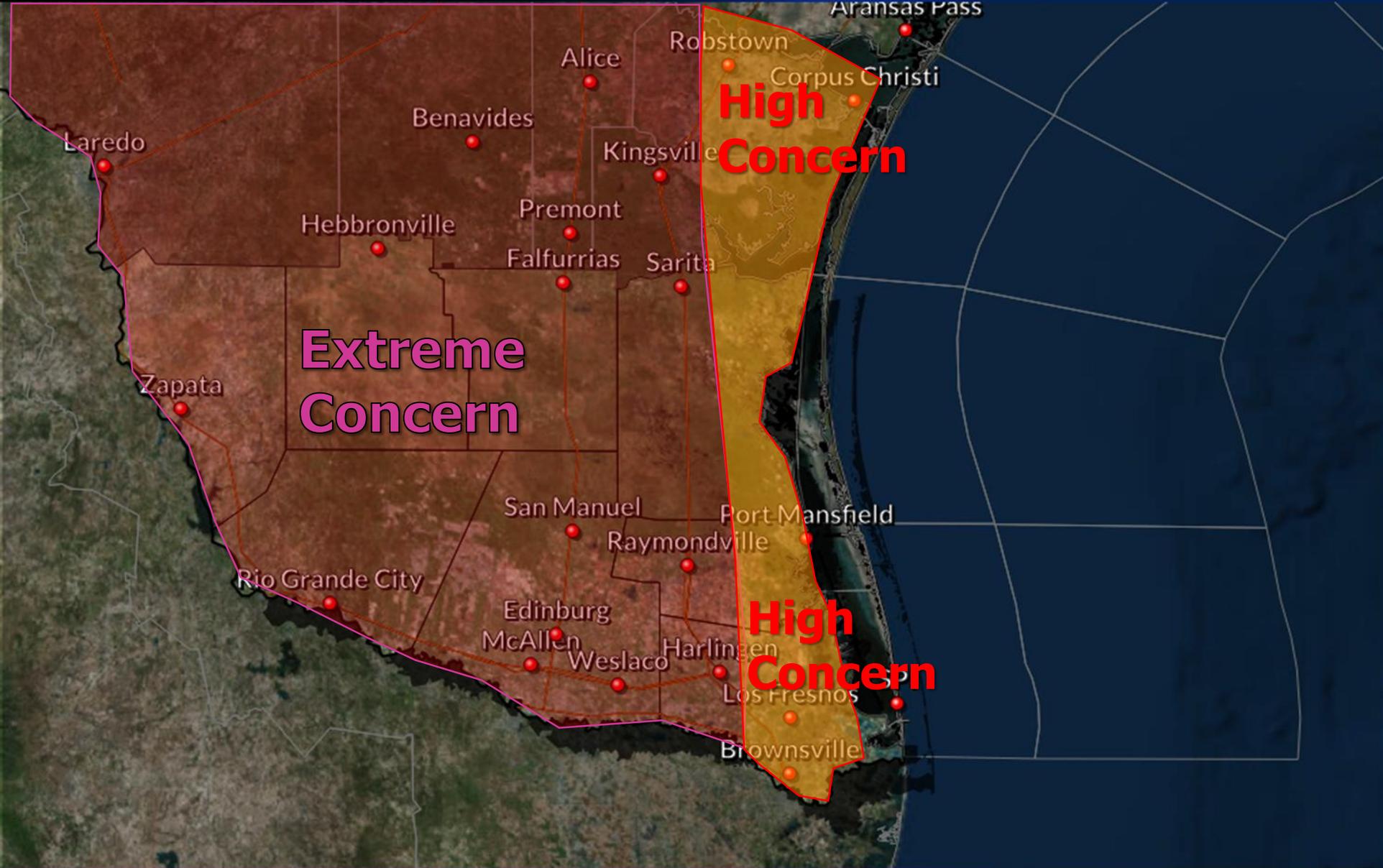
**Peak Wind with Low Humidity (1 PM):**  
20 to 25 mph, gusting 35+ mph  
**Humidity: 18 to 25 percent**

# Areas of Concern

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March 25<sup>th</sup> , Mid Morning through Mid-Late Afternoon





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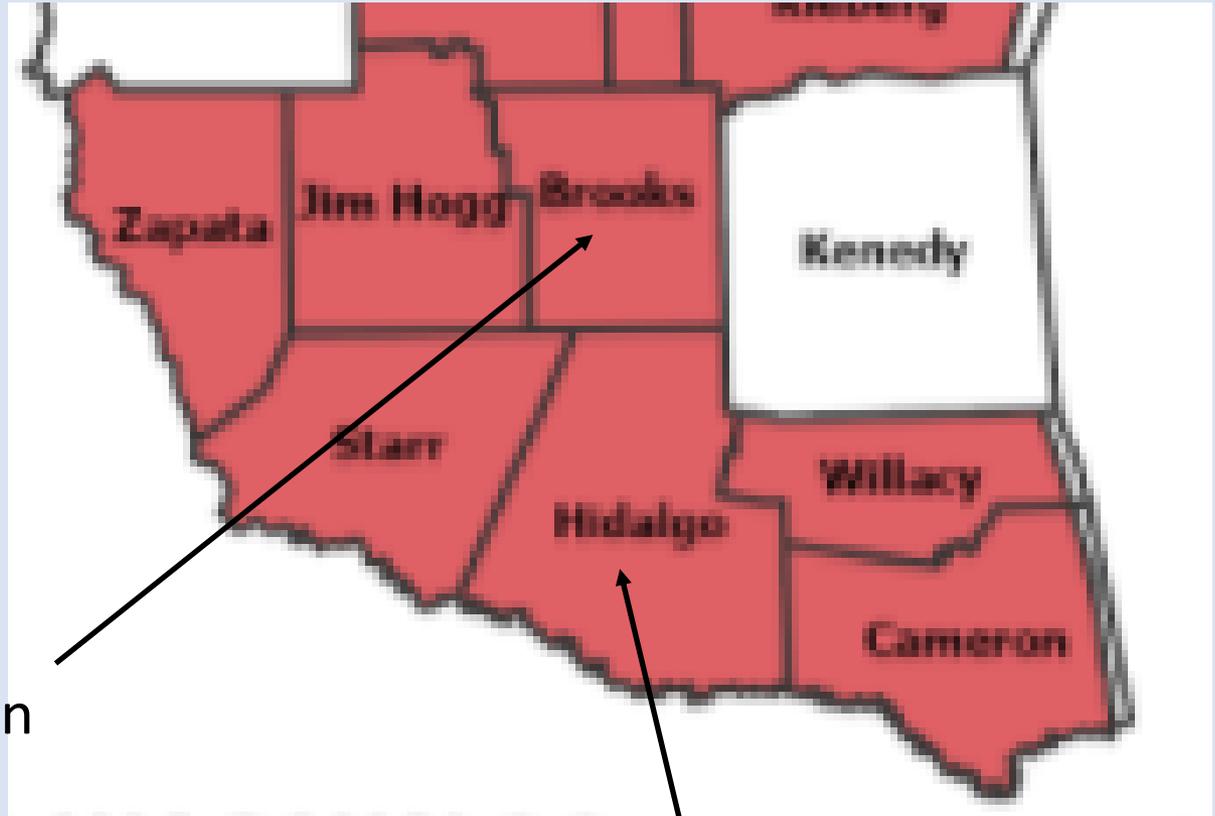
## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

March 24, 2021



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-  Counties without Established Burn Bans
-  Counties with Established Burn Bans



Brooks: Re-approved on 3/23 (per conversation with former County/City officials)

Hidalgo: Approved on 3/23

# Wildfire Concerns Continue...

Outdoor Burning Should Be Postponed This Week

Weather Forecast Office  
Brownsville/RGV, TX

Issued Mar 23, 2021 5:00 AM CDT



Fire concerns continue this week  
with hot and dry afternoons,  
worsening drought conditions,  
and very dry grass and brush

Please help us prevent wildfires!

[weather.gov/safety/wildfire](https://weather.gov/safety/wildfire)

## WILDFIRE SAFETY

- Properly discard cigarettes.
- Keep vehicles off of dry grass.
- Avoid activities with open flames or sparks.
- Avoid power equipment that creates sparks.
- Obey burn bans.
- Evacuate if fire/smoke is heading your way.
- Evacuate if ordered to do so by local officials.

[weather.gov/fire](https://weather.gov/fire)





From Texas A&M Forest Service: Prepare and Prevent Fires on Grass and Brush!

## NOTICE



### Burn Ban In Effect

County judges and/or county commissioners courts establish burn bans. For more information, contact your county judge's office.

Due to Wildfire Danger

### Will Your Home Survive?

#### BE PREPARED

#### PREVENT WILDFIRES

- Defensible Space – create at least 30 feet of space around your home that is free of flammable materials.
- Clean your gutters and roof frequently.
- Rake and dispose of pine straw, leaves, branches and other debris within 30 feet of your home.
- Prune trees so that the lowest branch is 6 to 10 feet high.

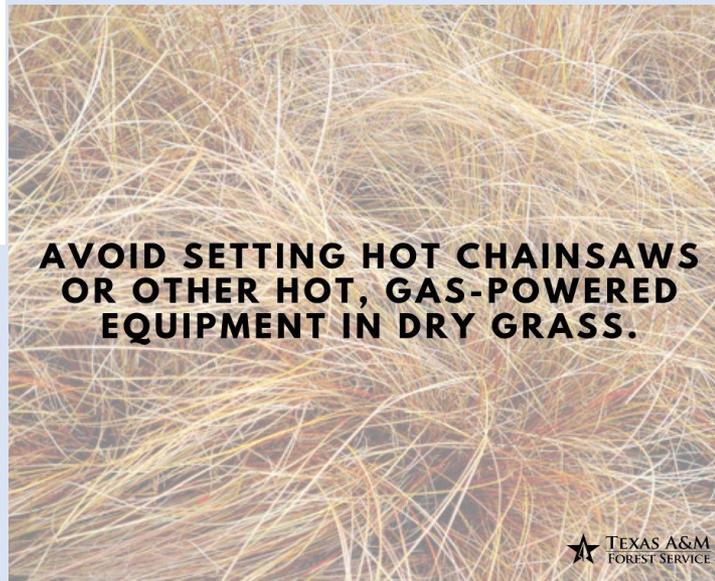
- Avoid parking in tall grass.
- Never leave your BBQ pit unattended and make sure the coals are out cold.
- Make sure your trailer chains are not dragging.
- Be aware that any spark may cause a wildfire.



ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES



AVOID PARKING OR DRIVING ON DRY GRASS.



AVOID SETTING HOT CHAINSAWS OR OTHER HOT, GAS-POWERED EQUIPMENT IN DRY GRASS.



FREEZE CURED GRASSES dry out very quickly and are susceptible to ignition from any sparks.



### Also note:

Strong wind gusts, should they reach 40 mph, can blow down a power line and spark a conflagration. This is what started the 11+ thousand acre “King” Fire on March 17<sup>th</sup>.



From Texas A&M Forest Service

## AVISO



**Se ha puesto en efecto una prohibición de quema**

Jueces y comisionados de las cortes de condado han establecido prohibiciones de quema. Para más información, contacte su oficina del juez del condado.

**Debido al Peligro de Incendios Forestales**

Recorta el cartel de arriba y colócalo en un lugar prominente para que todos puedan hacer su parte en proteger sus hogares y familias de incendios forestales.

## ¿Perderías tu Casa?

### Estás Preparado

- Remueve materiales flamables alrededor de su casa a una distancia de 30 pies
- Remueve las hojas del techo sin olvidar los desagües
- Rastrilla y dispón de las hojas y escombros a 30 pies de tu casa
- Corta las ramas de los árboles alrededor de la casa a una altura de 6 a 10 pies

### No Dejes Que Comience Un Incendio Forestal

- Evita estacionar en el pasto alto
- Nunca dejes la parrilla desatendida y asegúrate que el carbón este frío
- Asegúrate que las cadenas no arrastren el suelo
- Se consciente que cualquier chispa puede comenzar un incendio



SOLO TÚ PUEDES PREVENIR INCENDIOS FORESTALES.



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**EVITE ESTACIONARSE O CONDUCIENDO SOBRE CÉSPED SECO.**

**LOS PASTOS CURADOS POR CONGELACIÓN SE SECAN MUY RÁPIDAMENTE Y SON SUSCEPTIBLES A LA IGNICIÓN POR LAS CHISPAS.**



## NO SE ESTACIONE SOBRE PASTO ALTO Y SECO

**EL CHASIS DEBAJO DEL AUTOMÓVIL ESTÁ CALIENTE Y PUEDE INICIAR UN INCENDIO FORESTAL**



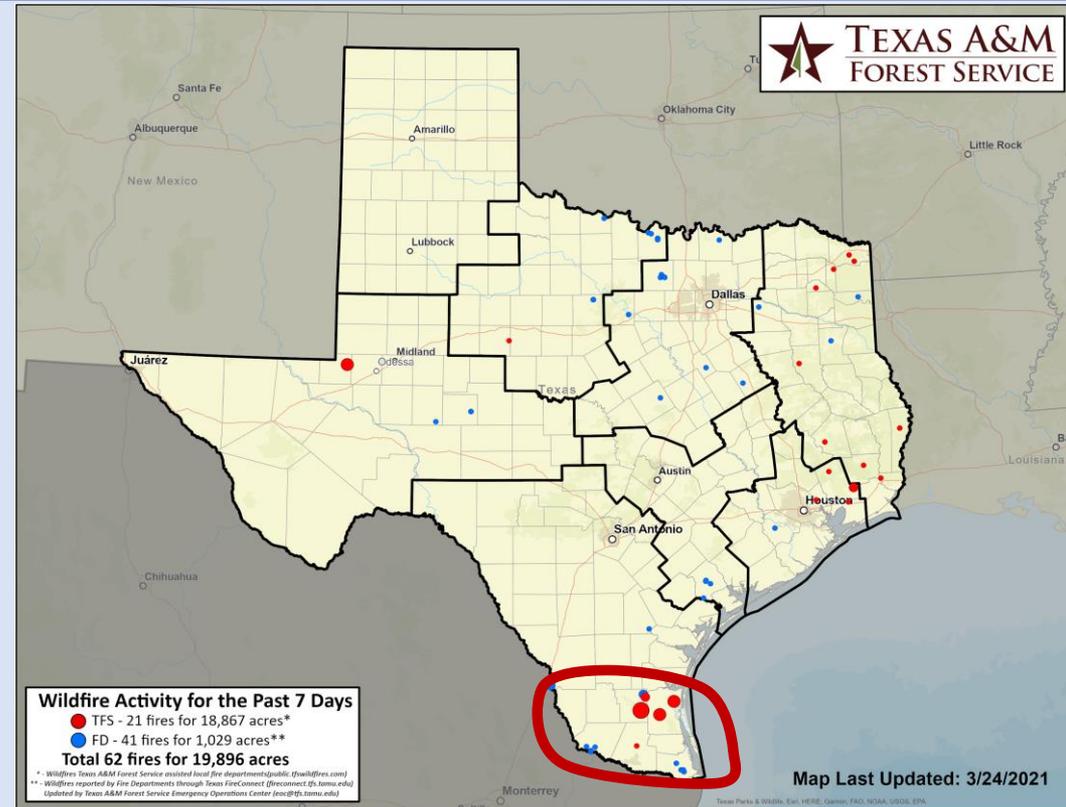
## PARA TIRAR DE SU BOTE O CARAVANA, CRUCE LAS CADENAS

**PREVENGA INCENDIOS FORESTALES, ¡NO PRENDA CHISPAS!**





- Deep S. Texas is the most active area in the state. In past nine days, **18,072** acres burned in Brooks/Kenedy County alone!
- Don't increase that number on March 25<sup>th</sup>! Smokey Bear says: Only YOU can prevent wildfires. Let's keep the number at ZERO for the day.
- Websites to help you prepare:



<https://weather.gov/safety/wildfire>

<https://firewise.org>

<https://smokeybear.com>

<https://ticc.tamu.edu> – Texas Interagency Coordination Center