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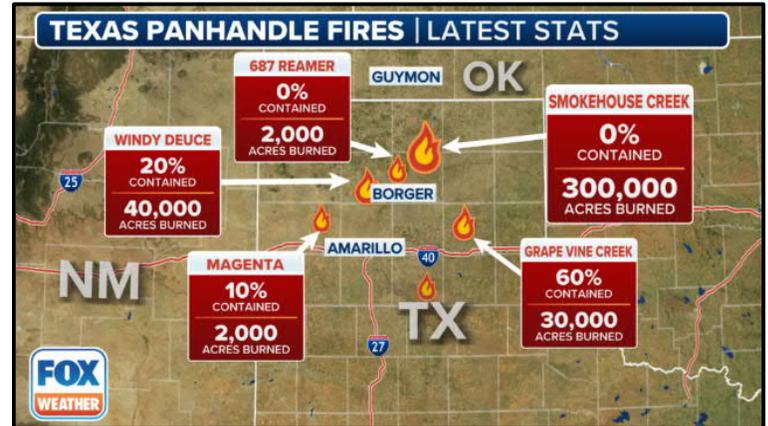
WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 28, 2024

Fire Activity

Texas

- A fast-moving wildfire fueled by dry and unseasonably warm conditions spread in the Texas Panhandle on Tuesday afternoon, burning more than 300,000 acres, prompting evacuation orders, closing roads and enveloping much of the region in black smoke.
- The Smokehouse Creek Fire — the largest of at least four wildfires scorching the northernmost region of Texas — more than doubled in size since igniting Monday afternoon, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.
- By Tuesday evening, the Smokehouse Creek Fire had already become the fifth-largest blaze in Texas history.
- Near Amarillo, a wildfire was burning north of Pantex, a plant that disassembles nuclear weapons, officials said.
- Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) issued a disaster declaration Tuesday for 60 counties to “deploy all resources needed to protect our fellow Texans and their property.”
- Earlier on Tuesday, authorities issued evacuation orders for Moore and Potter counties in Texas, near the Oklahoma border, as well as in parts of nearby Roberts County.
- In Oklahoma, local officials told some residents of Ellis and Roger Mills counties, near the state’s western border with Texas, to leave.
- As the blaze approached the 2,200-resident town of Canadian, Hemphill County followed suit.
 - Homes destroyed: The full extent of the damage is being assessed Wednesday morning as the sun rises, but “homes have burned in almost every direction,” Johnson said. The fires knocked out power and forced families to flee to shelters.
 - Massive fire: The Smokehouse Creek Fire has burned more land this week than all of the state’s 2023 fires combined.
 - Evacuations ordered: Officials in Hutchinson, Hemphill, Roberts, Lipscomb and Moore counties handed down evacuation orders Tuesday as wildfires raged.
 - Disaster declaration issued: Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 60 counties in response to wildfire activity Tuesday.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
CA	Atmospheric Rivers Jan 31 - Feb 7	6	6	2/13-2/23

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties
CA*	Severe Storms & Flooding Jan 21-23	2/7/2024	Approved	1 County

*Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4749 IL	Flooding	1 County	96	2/9/2024
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	15	4/8/2024

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