

# DAILY DART

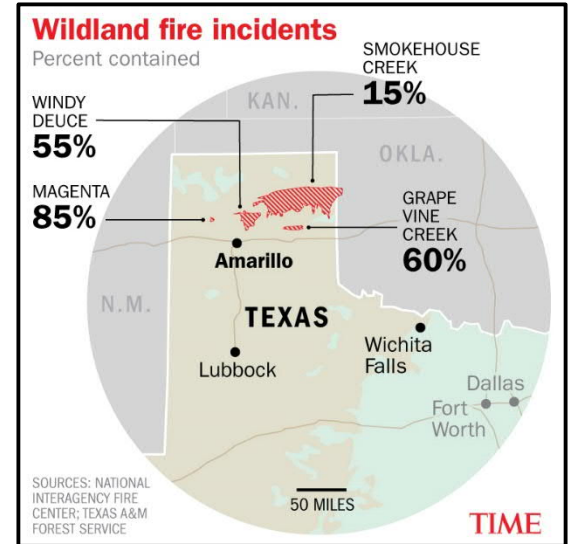
WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

March 5, 2024

## Fire Activity

### Texas

- The devastating wildfire that hit Texas over the past week, killing two people and burning an estimated 1.3 million acres in the state, is expected to spell disaster for many homeowners whose properties have been damaged by the blaze but whose homes weren't insured.
- The Smokehouse Creek Fire is one of more than five wildfires that have ignited in the Panhandle this week — and it made history as the largest wildfire on record in Texas. The wildfire has burned more than 1,078,000 acres, equivalent to about 1,700 square miles. As of Monday, the wildfire, which is now five times the size of New York City and larger than the entire state of Rhode Island, is about 15% contained.
- Rural Texans are more than twice as likely to go without coverage than urban residents, partially because home insurance premiums have skyrocketed in the state as the risk of extreme weather events has grown more severe with climate change. According to Insurance.com, the average cost of home insurance in Texas is currently \$4,142 a year, much higher than the national average of \$2,777. That makes Texas the state with the fifth-highest home insurance premiums in the entire country.
- Elevated fire risk remains across West Texas from the Amarillo area southward through Lubbock, Midland, Pecos, Fort Stockton, Van Horn and extends into portions of eastern New Mexico, including the cities of Santa Rosa and Carlsbad.
- Later this week, a storm system that will move out of the Rockies could intensify over the southern Plains, allowing for moisture to be pulled north into the fire-ravaged region.
- Several other fires continue to burn across the Texas Panhandle.
  - Windy Deuce — 144,206 acres and 55% contained.
  - Grapevine Creek — 34,882 acres and 60% contained.
  - Magenta — 3,297 acres and 85% contained.
  - 687 Reamer — 2,000 acres and 10% contained.
  - Roughneck — 335 acres and 80% contained.



## 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

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## 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	102	2/9/2024
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	21	4/8/2024

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

