

February 29, 2024

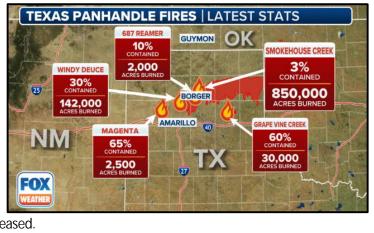
Fire Activity

Texas

- Firefighters desperately battling historic and deadly wildfires burning across the Texas Panhandle and the Plains will get a brief – and rather bizarre – wintry assist from the weather Thursday as a blanket of snow falls across the region.
- One person was found dead in Hutchinson County north of Amarillo, and dozens of structures were damaged after flames erupted Monday. The cause of the death has not been released.
- Five major wildfires in the Texas Panhandle have consumed over 1 million acres, prompting evacuations, road closures and emergency declarations.
- The largest fire burning remains the Smokehouse Creek Fire north of Stinnett, with only 3% containment.
- On Wednesday, the fire exploded in size, growing from 300,000 acres to 850,000 as it raced east, making it the second-largest wildfire in Texas history.
- Temperatures on Friday will warm back into the 70s with breezy winds gusting to 45-50 mph or higher. In addition, relative humidity levels will plunge below 20% and could reach as low as 10%.

Storm Activity Midwest

- Over a million people across central Ohio, including Columbus, were awakened Wednesday morning by blaring weather alarms and urgent instructions to seek shelter as a line of severe thunderstorms triggered numerous Tornado Warnings.
- A handful of tornadoes were reported in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio between Tuesday evening and early Wednesday morning.
- The tornado that tore through a community outside of Detroit was given an initial rating of an EF-2 with winds of 115 mph.
- Grand Blanc Township said several homes and businesses were heavily damaged in the storm, but there were no reported fatalities.
- The local NWS reported nearly a dozen tornadoes impacted the Chicagoland region, but damage was relatively sporadic.



Waukegan

Chicago

Crystal Lake



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State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Stort End
		Requested	Completed	Start-End
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	97	2/9/2024		
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	16	4/8/2024		

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