



**Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

Event Name	18-0025 October Severe Weather
Date	October 19, 2018
Time	7:00 AM
Operational Period	October 18 – October 19, 2018
Report Number	3

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 5, 6
DDCs Active	4A, 4B, 12, 13

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that the severe weather and prolonged flooding event that began on October 7, 2018, has caused widespread and severe property damage, and threatens loss of life in; Bastrop, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Hood, Jim Wells, Kerr, Kimble, La Salle, Live Oak, Llano, Mason, McMullen, Nueces, Real, San Patricio, Travis, and Williamson Counties.

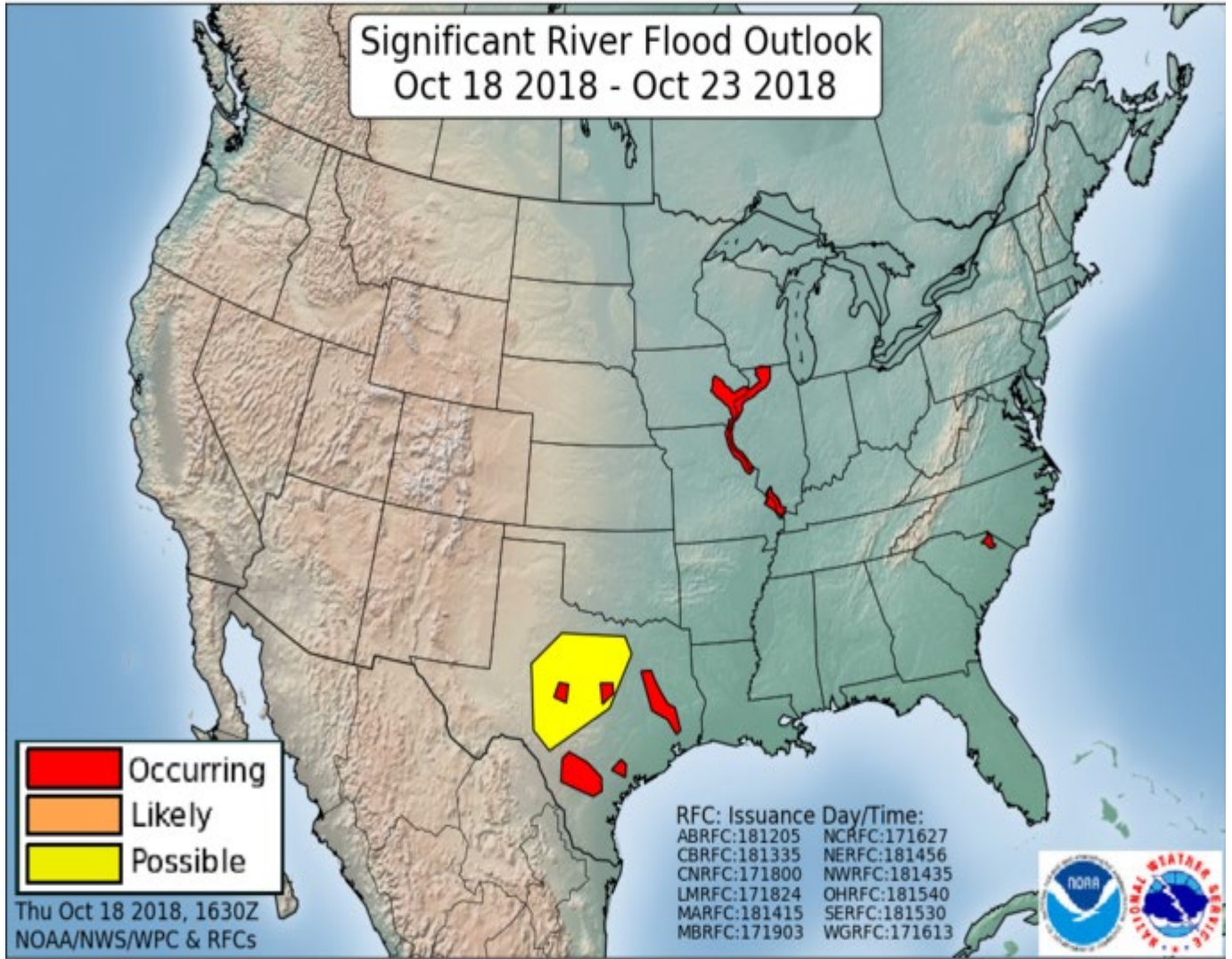
River flooding will continue over the next few days. Many regions remain very sensitive to additional rainfall and a Flash Flood Watch will remain in effect for parts of South Central Texas through Thursday evening. As water continues to move through the South Central Texas rivers, downstream points along the Colorado and Guadalupe Rivers may rise into minor flood later this week.

Rescues to date:

Agency	Rescues / Evacuations	Pets
TPWD	25 / 22	5
TX-TF1	5 / 10	2
Total	30 / 32	7

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

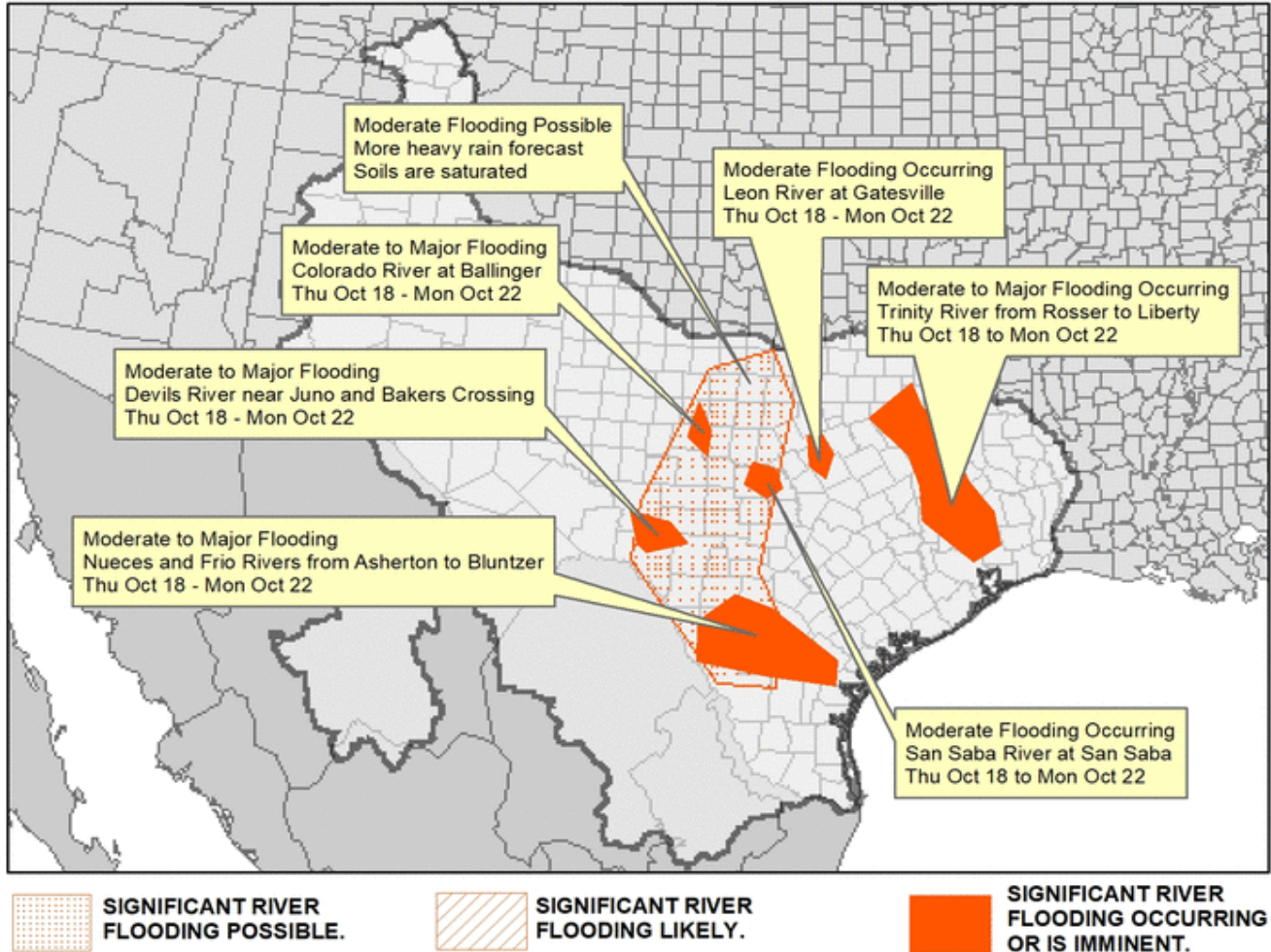




Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 10/18/2018 - 10/23/2018

West Gulf River Forecast Center 10/18/2018 11:59:39 AM



Significant River Flooding Impacts include:
Roads adversely affected. Residential, commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding will NOT be included in this outlook.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4A – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties) DDC 4A remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Parker County -- Submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 16, 2018.

Hood County – Hood County submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

DDC 4B – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties) DDC 4B remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Ellis County – Ellis County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Kaufman County – Kaufman County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Navarro County – Navarro County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties). DDC 13 remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Madison County – Madison County EOC remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). Submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 18, 2018.

DDC 16 – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Waller and Walker Counties). DDC 16 is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties)

Edwards County – Submitted a Disaster Declaration and Letter to the Governor on October 18, 2018.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton)

Callahan County – Submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on October 18, 2018.

Coleman County: An RV Park was evacuated due to flooding on October 18, 2018

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 11/23 – Waco (Includes: Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

San Saba County – Submitted a Disaster Summary Outline and Letter to the Governor on October 18, 2018.

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties). DDC 12 is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Burnet County – The Marble Falls Wastewater Plant is stressed due to flooding, and the city is at Stage 5 Emergency Water Shortage, a Boil Water Notice has been issued. All residents and businesses were asked to minimize use of any activity that utilizes wastewater such as no laundry, no washing dishes, minimize toilet flushing and minimize showers. Burnet County submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

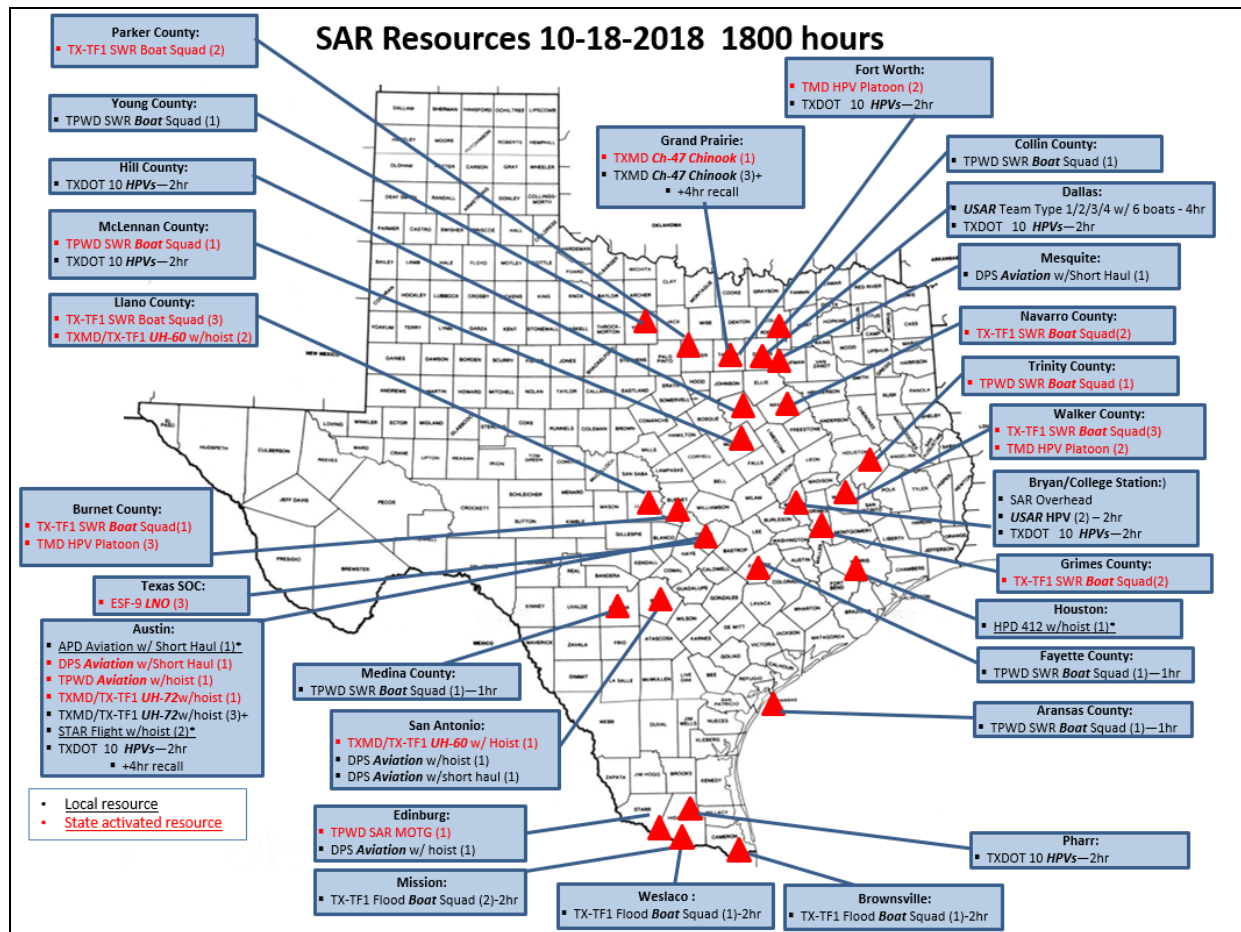
Fayette County – Submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018.

Llano County – Llano County submitted a Disaster Declaration on October 17, 2018 and a Disaster Summary Outline on October 18, 2018.

Travis County – Lake Travis is closed. Submitted a Disaster Declaration and a Disaster Summary Outline on October 18, 2018.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED



Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel #	Equipment #	Status	Resource Location
ARC	Emergency Response Vehicle	2	0	Assigned	Llano County
ARC	Shelter Trailers	8	8	Activated	Central & North
ARC	Shelter Strike Teams	N/A	N/A	Activated	Central & North
DSHS	EMTF MIST	2	1	Demob	Llano County
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Team/Leader	1	1	Demob	Marble Falls EMS
HHSC	Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
Log CCG	Communication on Wheels	1	1	Activated	Llano County
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC/Austin
TFS	SOC Liaison	3	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS	POD Support	9	-	Assigned	Llano
TFS	POD Support	9	-	Assigned	Kingsland
TFS	POD Support	1	-	Assigned	Marble Falls
TFS	POD Support	1	-	Assigned	Granite Shoals
TMD	SOC Support MRP	7	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Two Rotary Wing Mixed MRPs (four aircraft)	20	4	Assigned	Austin and San Antonio
TMD	Two Ground Transportation Company MRP	65	29	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	Two Ground Transportation Company MRP	54	29	Assigned	Burnet
TMD	Public Affairs MRP	2	0	Activated	Austin
TMD	Air Operations Center MRP	4	0	Assigned	Camp Mabry/Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TPWD	SAR Captain	1	1	Demob	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens	8	8	Demob	Llano County
TPWD	SAR Boat Crews	10	6	Demob	Kingsland
TPWD	SAR Boat Crew	3	4	Demob	Marble Falls
TPWD	PIO Game Warden	1	1	Demob	Llano County
TPWD	Helicopter	3	1	Activated	Austin Airport
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	4	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Dallas
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Fort Worth
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Waco
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Bryan
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	20	10	Standby	Austin
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support	10	5	Standby	Pharr

	Team				
TxDOT	High Water Rescue Support Team	10	5	Standby	Laredo
TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	3	0	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TX-TF1	Water Rescue Squads	72	24	Assigned	Statewide
TX-TF1	Helicopter SAR Techs	11	0	Assigned	Llano and Bexar Counties
TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	6	0	Assigned	Llano, Tarrant and Walker
DPS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	SOC/Austin
DPS	Helicopter with Hoist	6	2	Assigned	Austin/San Antonio
DPS	Helicopter, C2 Scout	4	2	Assigned	Austin/San Antonio
DPS	Fixed Wing for Command & Control	2	1	Assigned	Austin
DPS	TMU Members attached to TDEM Zodiac	3	0	Assigned	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Aircraft Rescue Swimmers	6	0	Activated, if needed	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Swift Water Technicians	30	0	Activated, if needed	Kingsland
DPS	TMU Swift Water Boats	0	2	Activated, if needed	Kingsland

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): The TAHC is actively engaged in monitoring weather conditions across the State in response to ongoing rain and flooding events. Field staff are communicating with local animal stakeholders to help prepare for and respond to any animal issues which may arise.

Currently, there are no reported animal sheltering operations or other small animal needs. TAHC field staff and the TAHC SOC representative assisted with a request for hay air-drop operation in Walker County for approximately 500 head of cattle stranded in floodwaters. The TAHC field staffer assigned to Walker County reported approximately 500 cattle at the air drop location, with another 200 herded out of the floodwaters near the ranch headquarters where owners can reach them.

All TAHC Regions are reaching out to local producers and ranchers located along flood zones across the state to ensure livestock are being relocated to high ground or evacuated, as possible. Contact is being made with local jurisdictions and animal response stakeholders to determine preparedness levels and maintain situational awareness for animal issues.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS is currently monitoring conditions in affected areas related to the devastating flooding. The Texas Highway Patrol (THP) has assigned a representative to the State Operations Center on a 24 hour basis to support this event. Texas DPS THP and Aircraft personnel in affected areas continue to assist local officials and citizens, as well as monitor local conditions.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS continues monitoring the situation and has been in contact with the Preparedness and Response Managers in the affected Public Health Regions (PHRs). All EMTF-7 assets have been demobilized.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC Emergency and Risk Management (ERM): ERM staff are working to provide water and ice to three POD locations in Kingsland, Marble Falls and the City of Llano.

Regional Administrative Services (RAS): RSA staff is monitoring conditions and are on standby should any additional action be necessary.

2-1-1 Texas: 211 staff is providing disaster related information in support of emergency operations and has seen no significant increase in calls related to this event.

Public Utility Commission (PUC): No major outages have been reported. The PUC will continue to provide updates as information is received.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ Staff continue to monitor drinking water and wastewater facilities in impacted areas and provide technical assistance, as needed. Informational email notices were sent to all drinking water and wastewater facilities in the counties listed in the Governor's Disaster Declaration. All drinking water systems that have wells or intakes located within one mile from the banks of the Llano River/Lake LBJ/Lake Marble Falls, additionally, all wastewater treatment plants within this area have been contacted requesting information on operational status. Currently, the following public water systems are under a Boil Water Notice: the City of Kingsland, the City of Marble Falls, Camp of the Hills (Burnet County; Smithwick Mills Community (Burnet County), and Travis County Water Control and Improvement District #18. Debris management, outdoor burning, household hazardous waste information as well as the new flood response flyer were sent directly to the known impacted cities and counties' EMCs in the TCEQ Austin Region. Additional, counties and cities along the downstream path of the flooding were also contacted in all Austin Region disaster declaration counties.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is providing support for the State Operations Center in Austin, as well as assisting at Point of Distribution (POD) locations for distribution of ice and water in local communities of Llano, Kingsland, Marble Falls, and Granite Shoals.

POD locations:

- One (1) POD in the City of Llano
 - Address: 400 E.SH 71 at Llano Junior High School POD Hours will be 07:00 – 19:00
- One (1) POD in the City of Kingsland
 - Address: 3435 Hwy 1431 at First Baptist Church POD Hours will be 07:00 – 19:00
- One (1) Local POD in the City of Granite Shoals
 - Address: 8410 FM 1431 West at Granite Shoals Fire Department.
- One (1) Local POD in the City of Marble Falls

- Address: 700 US 281 at Lake Shores Church

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD is currently supporting the state with SOC support MRPs. Two Ground Transportation Companies are active in Burnet, San Saba, Llano, Kingsland, DFW, Trinity River area and Huntsville. Two Rotary Wing MRPs are activated in San Antonio and Austin. All aircraft will be paired with TXTF1 rescue swimmers. One CH47 Chinook has been performing hay distribution missions in Walker County. An Air Operations Center MRP has been activated as well as a Public Affairs Office MRP at Camp Mabry in Austin.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD Game Wardens responded to swift water rescue operations in Llano County following a large rain event that caused flash and river flooding on the Llano River. At 6:00 PM on 10/17/18 all game wardens and SAR assets were demobilized. 10/18/18 at approximately 8:00 am, crews were requested to assist in evacuating campers from Colorado Bend SP. A boat crew assisted in the delivery of 200 bales of hay to 500 head of cattle surrounded by Trinity River floodwater in Walker County.

State Parks Affected

- Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (SNA) – Closed due to sandy creek being impassable, multiple crossings flooded outside of park
- Colorado Bend State Park SP – All campers evacuated the park Thursday evening and stayed in a private campground (funded by local church). Cherokee Creek is passable by high profile vehicles. DPS has requested military high profile vehicles to provide evacuation assistance for campers at the private campground; Game Wardens and Fire Rescue are on site to assist with the evacuations; campers and any residents will be shuttled to a local shelter. The park will offer to use TPWD resources to bring campers back to the private campground to retrieve their personal vehicles when it is deemed safe. Park staff will be assessing damages when it's deemed safe to drive across the creek. Park hosts and concessionaire remained in the park. Electricity has been restored at the park residence and maintenance area; remaining out at the Headquarters building and campground and estimated to be out for up to 3 weeks. The park will be closed until electricity is restored.
- South Llano River SP – The bridge is still impassable due to heavy debris and swift water. TxDOT has been unable to get resources to assist until later on Friday/Saturday due to another Kimble County bridge that washed away downstream. Since the 2nd flood on Monday, banks along the river have collapsed and large sections of the trail are gone. Large portions of the bank are undercut making it unsafe to traverse. Several large pecan trees have fallen throughout the pecan bottom and continue to fall due to wet conditions. Staff continue to come to work through alternative county road entrance. The park is closed tentatively until November 2, 2018.
- Pedernales River SP – River is flooding, all campgrounds and facilities will likely be fine
- Lost Maples SNA – Low water crossings flooded.
- LBJ SP – The Pedernales River is over the bridge going to National Park; they are monitoring very closely as a couple of facilities may be in jeopardy of flooding (Dining Hall, Scout Hut and residences)
- Guadalupe River SP – The river is on the rise; staff are removing picnic tables, etc.
- Inks Lake – Eight flood gates on Lake Buchanan are still in operation and Inks Lake levels have held steady overnight (estimated to be in operation through today or through

weekend) – goal of LCRA is to hold Lake Buchanan at 1,018'. Inks Lake currently holding steady at approximately 895'; normal level is 887' (8' above normal level). Water is approximately 12" from entering the park store would have resulted in estimated \$100K in damage from store. Facilities currently under water; five cabins, 66 w/e campsites, 21 water only sites, two fishing piers and boat ramp/docks. Park is tentatively closed until October 26th (unless flood gates stay in operation longer).

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT currently is staffing the SOC 24 hours. Currently there are 54 roads closed due to flooding, and 98 roads affected by flooding, with 11 districts involved. There are three working Stars for TxDOT at this time, TxDOT crews are monitoring roadways for high water threats, and are providing traffic control, barricades and detours as needed. We have 50 High Water Rescue Support Teams involving 6 districts, on standby. For more information on road closures please go to: <https://drivetexas.org/>. Turn Around Don't Drown.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 ESF-9 Operations at the SOC is being staffed for 24 hour operations. Swift Water Rescue/Flood Boats, assigned across Texas to support local resource request as necessary. HSART are supporting TMD helicopters with hoist-rescue operations

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA): Eight floodgates were open at Buchanan Dam as of 1 PM. on Wednesday Oct. 17. Five of the gates are on the 14-gate section and three are on the 16-gate section. Lake Buchanan is forecast to remain within a range of 1,018 to 1,020 feet msl and then be gradually drawn by flood releases to 1,018 feet msl over the following days. Forecasts for Lake Buchanan may change with additional rainfall in the forecast.

Lake Travis is expected to rise to 705 to 710 feet msl by Friday, Oct. 19. Current projections show LCRA likely will need to open up to four additional floodgates by mid-day Thursday - for a total of up to eight gates open at the dam. This would be a record number of floodgates open at Mansfield Dam.

LCRA opened floodgates at Mansfield and Tom Miller dams at noon on Oct. 16. One floodgate was opened at noon, a second floodgate was opened at 2 p.m., a third floodgate was opened at 4 p.m. and a fourth floodgate was opened at 7 PM. LCRA is making controlled releases from the flood pool of Lake Travis to manage river levels downstream of Mansfield Dam.

Flood operations are underway at all of the dams along the Highland Lakes – Buchanan, Inks, Wirtz, Starcke, Travis and Tom Miller. Flooding rains and historic inflows into the lakes this week are causing fast, high flows throughout the Highland Lakes. Anyone nearby should be extremely careful. Because of the dangerous conditions on the lakes, LCRA has closed lakes Buchanan, Inks, LBJ, Marble Falls and Travis until further notice.

Unscheduled releases from the Highland Lakes dams may occur suddenly and unexpectedly at any time due to emergency hydroelectric generation or other reasons. The public should exercise caution and avoid being in the water near the dams at all times.

American Red Cross (ARC): Provided material support at 4 shelters; Llano, Marble Falls, Kingsland, and Granite Shoals. ARC placed facilities on standby in Liberty and Walker Counties per request from OEM. They began bulk distribution and damage assessment in Llano and Burnet Counties. Conducted coordination with the Texas Feeding Task Force for information sharing and coordination in the event of an activation. ARC is actively participating in planning meetings and in coordination with OEM in affected jurisdictions and State partners. Additional supplies available (not activated) throughout the State to include; shelter support trailers, kitchen support trailers, shelf stable meals, bulk distribution trailers, comfort kits and Emergency Response Vehicles.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): TBM deployed a shower/laundry unit to Marble Falls and Llano in support of shelter operations.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) increased its readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) at 8:00 AM on October 16, 2018. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>.*

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