



STATE OF TEXAS WILDFIRE DISASTER UPDATE

DR-1999-TX: 2011 Wildfires (Apr. 6 – Aug. 29)

March 19-23, 2012

Current Joint Field Office Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

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Timeline (Nov. 2010 – Mar. 2012)

- Nov. 15** Texas wildland fire season begins.
- Dec. 21** The Governor issues initial proclamation for Wildfires for 244 counties.
- Jan. 19** The Governor renews his Dec. 21st proclamation for 212 counties.
- Feb. 17** The Governor renews his Dec. 21st proclamation for 253 counties.
- Mar. 18** The Governor renews his Dec. 21st proclamation for 249 counties.
- Apr. 15** The Governor renews his Dec. 21st proclamation for 252 counties.
- Apr. 16** The Governor submits a major disaster declaration request to the President for 252 counties (the counties of Wood and San Patricio were excluded).
- Apr. 17** FEMA Region 6 forwards declaration request to Washington.
- Apr. 29** Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG)-FEMA/State agreement given to FEMA.
- May 3** FEMA denial of declaration request.
- May 13** The Governor renews his Dec. 21st proclamation for all 254 counties.
- May 26** Appeal letter sent from Governor's office to FEMA Region 6.
- May 27** FEMA Region 6 forwards appeal letter to FEMA National.
- June 11** The Governor renews his Dec. 21st proclamation for all 254 counties.
- July 1** President granted disaster request DR 1999 for 45 counties—Category B and Direct Federal Assistance (DFA).
- July 5** The Governor renews the Dec. 21st proclamation for all 254 counties.
- July 6** Submittal of request to FEMA for Hazard Mitigation statewide.
- July 6** Submittal of request for assessment of 45 declared and 45 undeclared counties (A-G).
- July 7** Submittal of request for 30-day extension to submit additional county designations to August 31.
- July 8** Submittal requesting specifics on declaration.
- July 11** Extension approved for additional county designations to August 15.
- July 18** Statewide 404 Hazard Mitigation approved.
- July 27** FEMA approved new deadline for Request for Public Assistance (RPA) submissions: August 30, 2011.
- Aug. 2** Submittal of request for 30-day extension to submit additional county designations and categories of work to September 14.
- Aug. 3** The Governor renews the Dec. 21st proclamation for all 254 counties.
- Aug. 9** Submittal of request to add Kent, Moore and Fisher counties for all categories of assistance (A-G).
- Aug. 10** FEMA approves Aug. 2 letter and approves extension to designate counties and categories.
- Aug. 12** Incident period expansion request submitted for March 1 and continuing.
- Aug. 12** Submittal of request to add Cochran and Hartley counties for all categories of assistance (A-G).
- Aug. 15** Fisher, Kent and Moore counties approved for all categories of public assistance (A-G).
- Aug. 18** Cochran, Hartley, Jeff Davis, and Palo Pinto counties approved for all categories of assistance (A-G).
- Aug. 18** Submittal of request for all declared counties to receive all categories of public assistance (A-G). TDEM also requests that Stonewall County be added to disaster declaration for all categories (A-G).
- Aug. 28** Submittal of request for 30-day extension for eligible applicants to submit RPAs by Sep. 30, 2011.
- Aug. 29** FEMA approves Aug. 28 letter and grants 15-day extension for eligible applicants to submit RPAs by Sep. 15, 2011.
- Sep. 1** Menard County added to declaration for all categories of public assistance (A-G). Brewster, Crockett, Presidio, and Young Counties expanded to include all categories of public assistance (A-G).

- Sep. 7** Stonewall County added to declaration for all categories of public assistance (A-G). King and Scurry Counties expanded to include all categories of public assistance (A-G).
- Sep. 21** FEMA denied request for extension of DR-1999 incident period and Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) for all counties from March 1 and continuing.
- Sep. 21** FEMA denied request for all categories of public assistance (A-G) to all counties under DR-1999.
- Oct. 13** TDEM requested a 30-day extension to appeal FEMA denial of extension period for DR-1999.
- Nov. 15** TDEM appealed FEMA denial of request for extension of DR-1999 incident period and Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) for all counties from March 1 and continuing. TDEM requested the incident period for disaster declaration be established as February 27, 2011 to August 29, 2011.
- Dec. 13** FEMA approved extending DR-1999's incident from the original period of April 6, 2011 through May 3 to the expanded period of April 6, 2011 to August 29, 2011.
- Dec. 13** Childress and Deaf Smith Counties were added to include all categories of public assistance (A-G).
- Dec. 13** 65 counties were added to include Category B Public Assistance (Emergency Protective Measures): Anderson, Bastrop, Blanco, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burnett, Cass, Coke, Coryell, Crane, Crosby, Culberson, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Franklin, Frio, Gonzales, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harrison, Haskell, Houston, Howard, Hutchinson, Jack, Jasper, Jim Hogg, Jones, Kimble, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Live Oak, Marion, Mills, Montague, Morris, Newton, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Panola, Potter, Randall, Reagan, Red River, Roberts, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Saba, Shackelford, Somervell, Swisher, Upton, Walker, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Winkler.
- Dec. 14** TDEM requested a 30-day extension to the deadline to submit requests for additional categories of public assistance.
- Jan. 3** FEMA denied State's request for additional categories of work, as well as State's request to add all categories of public assistance (A-G) for Coryell and Walker Counties.
- Jan 12** TDEM appealed decision to deny the States' request for additional categories of work, including all categories of work for Coryell and Walker Counties for DR 1999. In addition, the State appealed timeframes to identify additional counties.
- Jan. 12** TDEM requested Category B Public Assistance (Emergency Protective Measures) for the following counties: Erath, Midland, Schleicher and Wichita.
- Feb. 22** TDEM submitted request to FEMA to waive 30-day requirement to put a verbal Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) in writing, when no agreement was in place, relating to DR-1999, DR-4029 and the 2011 FMAGs.
- Mar. 15** Three counties were added to include all categories of Public Assistance (A-G): Erath, Midland and Wichita. Also, FEMA denied State's Jan. 12, 2012, request for an extension to request additional counties and/or categories of work.

Public Assistance (PA)

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Total number of declared counties for Public Assistance: **119**

Total number of Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) submitted: **243**

Total number of Eligible Applicants: **123**

Total number of Approved Applicants: **134**

Total number of Completed Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs): **46**

Total number of Received Disaster Summary Outlines (DSOs): **105**

Individual applicant briefings scheduled this week: **0**

Total Obligated Amount for Public Assistance (as of March 15, 2012): **\$5,571,905.10**

Applicant Briefings completed: 169

Categories of Public Assistance to Eligible Applicants

- Category B assistance is available to all 122 disaster-declared counties.
- Of the 122 disaster-declared counties, 20 counties are eligible for all categories of public assistance (A-G): Brewster, Childress, Cochran, Crockett, Deaf Smith, Erath, Fisher, Hartley, Jeff Davis, Kent, King, Menard, Midland, Moore, Palo Pinto, Presidio, Scurry, Stonewall, Wichita and Young.

Category	Description
A	Debris Removal – Clearance of trees and woody debris; building wreckage, sand, mud, silt and gravel; vehicles; and other material deposited on public and, in very limited cases, private property.
B	Emergency Protective Measures – Measures taken before, during and immediately after a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect improved public and private property.
C	Roads and Bridges – Repair of roads, bridges, shoulders, ditches, lighting and signs.
D	Water Control Facilities – Repair of irrigation systems, drainage channels and pumping facilities; repair of levees, dams and flood control channels is eligible but limited.
E	Buildings and Equipment – Repair or replacement of public buildings, including contents and systems; heavy equipment; and vehicles.
F	Utilities – Repair of water treatment and delivery systems; power generation facilities and distribution lines; and sewage collection and treatment facilities.
G	Parks, Recreational Facilities, Other – Repair and restoration of parks, playgrounds, pools, cemeteries and beaches; work otherwise not covered in categories A-F.

Hazard Mitigation

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Hazard Mitigation funding is available statewide as a result of the Texas wildfires. Hazard Mitigation is sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from hazards and their effects.

The Mitigation grant application deadline was January 6, 2012 for the first round. The first round of applications were distributed to project officers, and reviews are in process.

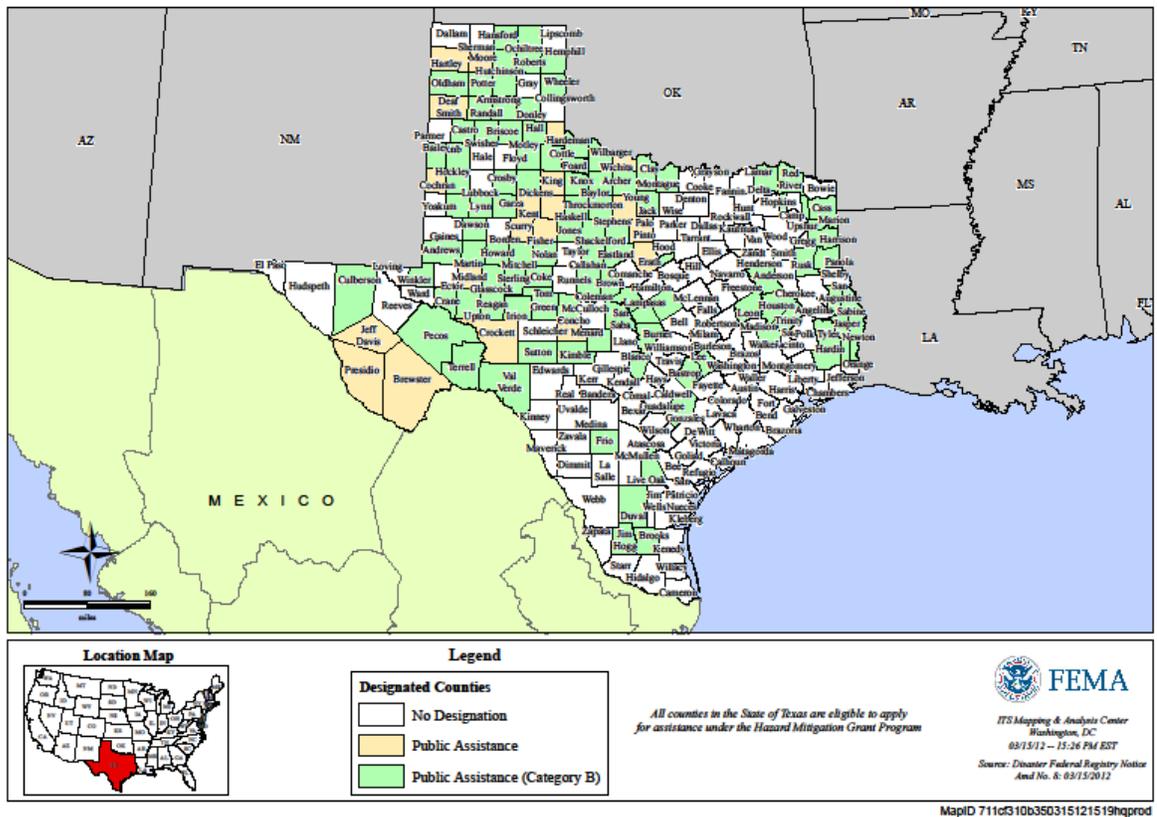
Due to the addition of 67 add-on counties, there will be a second round of applications. The second round application deadline is **March 23, 2012**.

The DR-1999 Wildfire Mitigation presentation may be found online at:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/documents/recovery/dr1999WildfireMitigation.pptx>

Current Declaration Map

FEMA-1999-DR, Texas Disaster Declaration as of 3/15/2012



Note: The original PDF of this map may be accessed at: http://gis.fema.gov/maps/dec_1999.pdf.

This report covers DR-1999 (wildfires that occurred April 6-August 29, 2011).

For information about our other open disaster declaration, DR-4029 (wildfires that occurred Aug. 30-Dec. 31, 2011), please visit: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/ThreatAwareness/dr_4029_tx.htm.