



RISK ALERT

February 27, 2024

FIRE DANGER

The National Weather Service has issued “Red Flag Alerts” for much of west and north central Texas. High winds and very dry conditions will cause any fire that breaks out to spread rapidly. The Smokehouse Creek fire in the northern Panhandle started on February 26, 2024, at 2:38 in the afternoon and had grown to 40,000 acres by 11:00 pm. Other fires in the Panhandle, though not as large were also spreading rapidly before high winds that reached close to 50 mph. A cold front will pass through the region later today and shift winds from west to north.

Take precautions to prevent outside fires that could escape control and spread rapidly, driven by high winds. Maintain vigilance as rapidly moving fire could trap people with closed roads and sudden outbreaks as fires advance and embers are blown far out ahead of the flame front. The Inciweb website <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> is a national service that is linked to Texas A&M Forest Service and can provide updates on the location, containment status and movement of current fires in Texas. Pay attention to the wind, smoke, local broadcasts, and emergency alerts in your area. Be prepared to move quickly to safety.

Wildfire Risk Today

Please use caution with any outdoor activities which could produce sparks or flames

Weather Forecast Office

Amarillo, TX

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Wildfire Conditions

GRASS DRYNESS

DRY **VERY DRY** EXTREMELY DRY

MAX WIND GUSTS (MPH)

<30 30 40 50 **65** 70+

MIN RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)

<5 5-10 10-15 **15-20** 20+

Legend: Wildfire Risk

Critical  Extreme



National Weather Service, Amarillo, February 27, 2024, forecast.

Weather Service offices in San Angelo and Midland have issued similar warnings.