As the lead agency for wildfire response in the state, Texas A&M Forest Service establishes Wildland Fire Preparedness Levels throughout the year to ensure resource availability for wildfire incidents across the state.

## TEXAS WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

Preparedness Levels 1-5 are planning assumptions and actions dictated by fuel and weather conditions, current and expected wildfire activity, regional preparedness levels and fire suppression resource availability in state.



LEVEL 1

Minimal drought and normal fuel moisture allow local resources to suppress wildfires without issue. Fire activity is minimal.



LEVEL 2

Elevated fire danger is observed in some regions of the state. Additional resources may be requested to assist, and aircraft may be staged in state for response.

## **LEVEL 3**

Wildfire activity is impacting several regions of the state as the result of drought, dry vegetation or frequent fire weather events. Texas A&M Forest Service strategically positions personnel, equipment and aircraft in areas at risk. Additional resources, including those from other regions, agencies or states, may be necessary.



A very high volume of wildfires, including large fires and fires that are resistant to control, is reported daily across the state. The fire environment will support increased wildfire activity and a heavy commitment of state and local resources for long durations is likely required. Continued mobilization of interagency resources and the activation of incident management teams may occur.



The highest level of wildland fire activity and indicates heavy resource commitment to fires locally and across the state. Conditions will support large, complex wildfire incidents across the state.

