



July 4th 2022 Fireworks Season Updates

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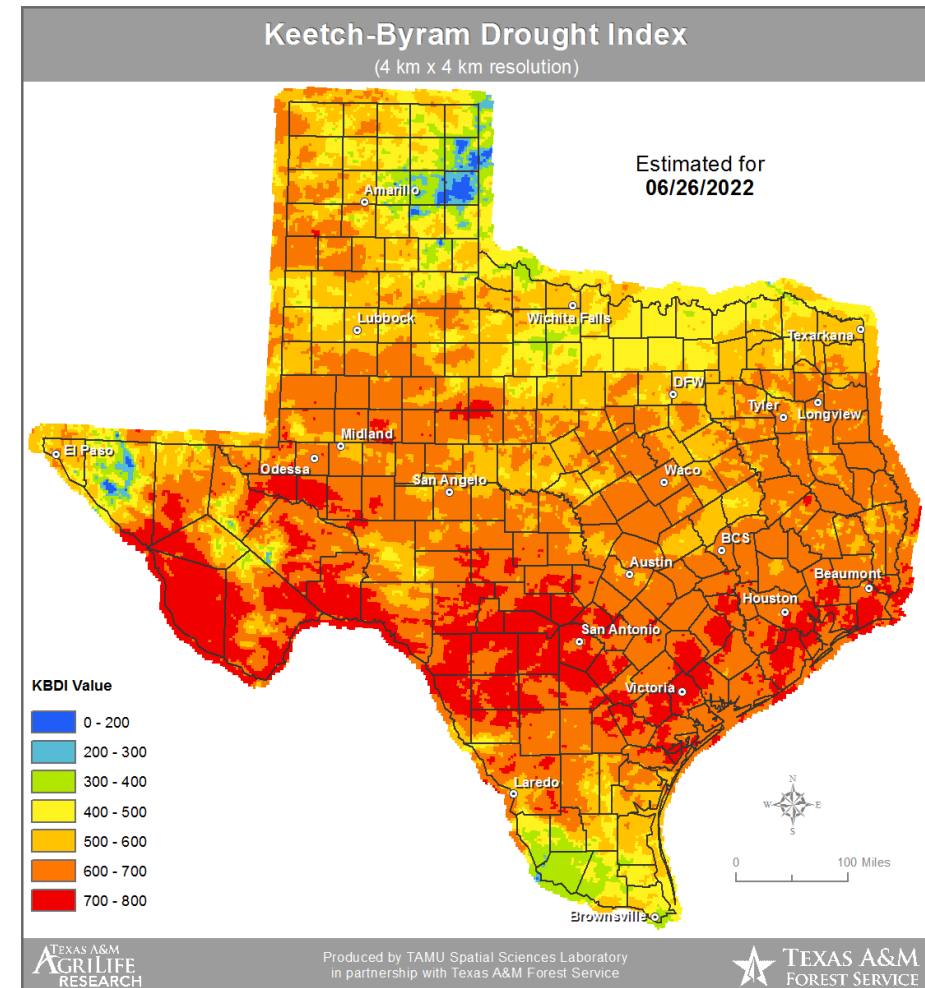
Previous County Action

- The Court adopted an order restricting skyrocketes with sticks and missiles with fins (Texas Local Gov't Code §352.051) on **June 6th, 2022.**
(deadline: June 15th for the sales period of June 24th - July 4th midnight)
- However, the KBDI fell **under 575** last week, which means the order is **no longer effective.**
- County Judge can still issue Declaration of Local Disaster if imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire (Gov't Code §418.108).
 - May exceed restrictions authorized by Texas Local Gov't Code §352.051 (e.g., restrict sale and use of all fireworks)
 - Can be issued at any time
 - Declaration lasts seven days unless the Court extends it
 - If the declaration exceeds the restrictions authorized by Texas Local Gov't Code §352.051, the declaration lasts for up to 60 hours **unless** the Governor grants an extension

Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI)

- KBDI averages as of Thursday, June 27, 2022:
- 1. **El Paso: 531**
- 2. Presidio: 750
- 3. Culberson: 624
- 4. Jeff Davis: 623
- 5. Brewster: 674
- 6. Hudspeth: 471

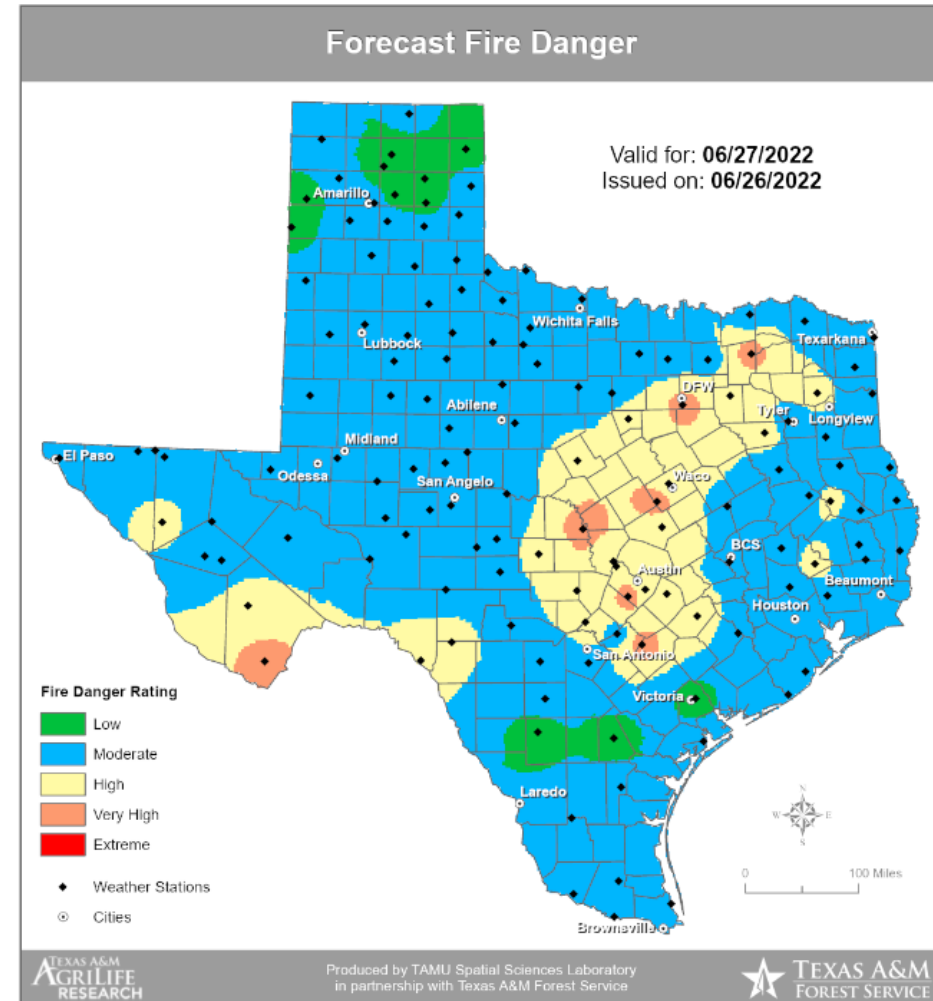
Source: <https://twc.tamu.edu/kbdi>



Forecast Fire Danger

- The forecast for June 27, 2022, shows El Paso as being in “Moderate” fire danger, according to the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS).

Source: <https://twc.tamu.edu/tfd>



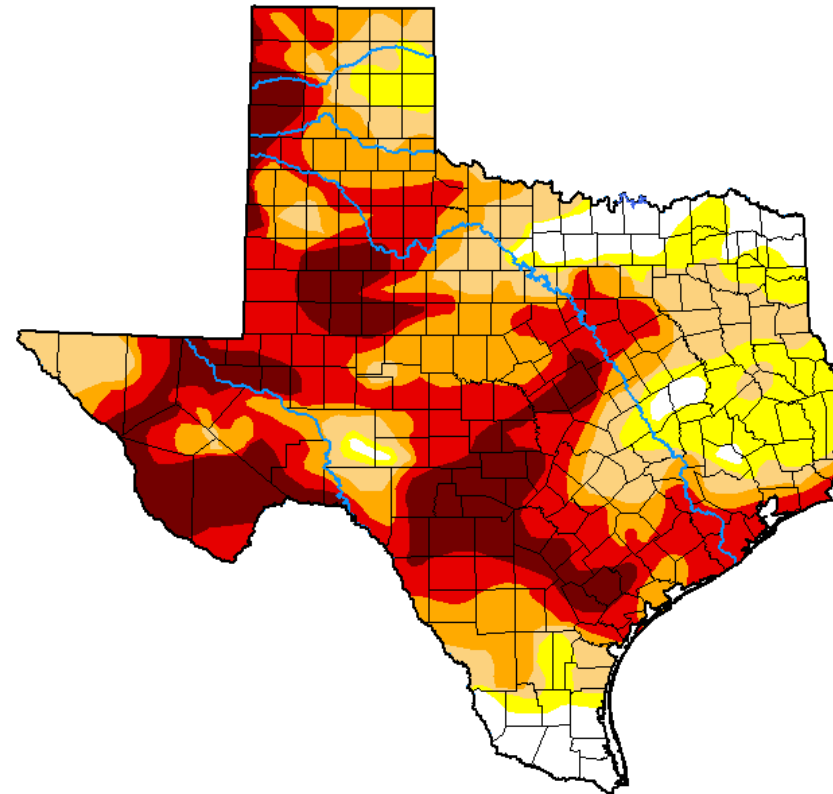
U.S. Drought Monitor

- As of June 21, 2022, El Paso County is listed as being in “moderate drought,” according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Source:
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?TX>

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

June 21, 2022
(Released Thursday, Jun. 23, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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El Paso County's 4th of July Celebration

- Members of the public are invited to celebrate safely at Ascarate Park
- Activities begin at 2:00 p.m. and include food trucks, swimming, and fireworks
- Fireworks Display will take place on the west side of the lake at 9:20 p.m.
- Parking will be \$5 per vehicle and no charge for those who walk in the park



Recommendation

- Keep monitoring the KBDI up until 60 hours prior to 4th of July
- If the County Judge finds that the threat of disaster is imminent, the County Judge may consider issuing a Disaster Declaration that mirrors the June 6th order (ban of rockets with sticks and missiles with fins)
- Keep promoting a safe 4th of July holiday



Questions?

