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.

**PREPAREDNESS LEVELS 1-5**

**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.

**LEVEL 4**
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.

**LEVEL 5**
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.