



Chalk Mountain Fire Update

July 24, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Southern Area Incident Management Blue Team

Mark Morales
Incident Commander

Chalk Mountain Fire Stats:

Size: 6,735 Acres

Containment: 20%

Location: 4.6 miles SW of Glen Rose, TX

Start Date: July 18, 2022

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned

- **Total personnel:** 296
- **Engines:** 20
- **Dozers:** 11
- **Handcrews:** 5

Safety and Notifications:

Personal responsibility and prevention of the next ignition is of utmost importance in preventing the next wildfire. Refrain from parking vehicles on dry grass and make sure all power equipment is in good working condition. Do your part to help our firefighters.

Wildfires are a NO DRONE ZONE. If you fly, we can't. Flying a drone near a wildfire can shut down all air operations.

Fire Information:

Fire Information Line:
817-381-5914

Email:

2022.chalkmountain@firenet.gov

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/lssimt>

Inciweb:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8255/>

The Southern Area Blue, Type-I Incident Management Team assumed command of the Chalk Mountain Fire at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Current Status:

The Chalk Mountain Fire experienced minimal growth yesterday, adding six acres to the total size of the fire. Despite the minimal growth, heat remains scattered across the northern perimeter and throughout the center of the fire. The same timber strands from previous days holds much of this heat. These strands did not burn cleanly, so flareups and reburning is occurring. Firefighters on the ground are working with aerial resources to eliminate heat sources. Along the eastern and western portions of the fire, crews are mopping up existing heat and increasing the depth of their control lines.

Today's operational plan will resemble previous days' plan of action. Crews will focus on eliminating hotspots on the northern perimeter while continuing to strengthen and improve existing control lines along the east and west of the fire. Fire conditions throughout the region remain at an elevated state.

Fire Weather:

Hot and dry conditions continue throughout the day on Sunday, with afternoon temperatures reaching 101-104 degrees. Winds will increase to 10-15 out of the south/southeast with gusts up to 20 mph. Relative humidity will drop to as low as 20%. Today will not see any wetting rain. As reminder, if thunderstorms develop in north Texas, they could generate outflow winds in the afternoon that could cause brief wind shifts and gusts. These storms do not need to be over a fire to cause significant shifts in weather patterns.

Closures/Evacuations:

The Somervell County Expo Center is now closed.

County Roads 1004 and 1005 are open to traffic. CR 1004 is closed at FM 205. FM 205 remains closed to through traffic from CR 1008 to FM 51. CR 1008 remains closed from FM 205 to FM 51.

Contact the Somervell County Sheriff's Office for the most current info:
Phone: 254-897-2242

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Somervellsheriff>