

## North Art Complex Fire Daily Update – 12:36 PM Friday, August 23, 2024

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**Size:** 3,000 acres

**Containment:** 25%

**Date Started:** August 23, 2024

**Cause:** Lightning

**Structures:** At this time crews have not identified any damaged structures.

**Evacuations:** There are no evacuations in place at this time.

The North Art Complex Fire started on August 22, 2024, approximately 7 miles east of Mason, Texas and 1 mile north of Art, Texas. Local fire departments initially responded to this fire and requested assistance from Texas A&M Forest Service to provide additional resources on August 22, 2024. Texas A&M Forest Service is working in unified command with local fire departments to continue suppressing the North Art Complex Fires.

**Closures:** There are no road closures at this time.

**Yesterday:** Local fire departments initially worked to suppress the fire and requested assistance and additional resources from Texas A&M Forest Service. Firefighters worked in high heat yesterday to construct containment lines using heavy equipment around three separate fires which were started by lightning. Fire activity became more active over the course of the day, as winds shifted as the threat for potential new starts could be possible. Local fire departments were engaged in structure protection while dozers worked to construct containment lines around the active fires.

**Today:** Resources are back on scene again today, constructing containment lines, patrolling and monitoring the areas of the fire that have caused concern. Firefighters are working to establish containment lines around the fires using heavy equipment. Engines are engaged in structure protection. Aviation Resources are assisting to extinguish hot areas of the fire and monitor the fire. In addition to these fires, the lightning storm started others in the area that local fire departments are working to contain. Texas A&M Forest Service is coordinating with the local departments on their needs for ongoing fires as well as any additional new starts that may occur.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Temperatures are forecasted to be in the triple digits with relative humidity around 33%. A heat advisory is in effect from 1pm to 9pm for August 23, 2024. South winds 5 to 10 mph will shift southeast at 5 to 10 mph mid to late afternoon of August 23, 2024. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be developing around 4 pm and will continue through 10 pm. Possibility of strong and erratic winds are possible near storms and additional lightning ignited wildfires are possible.

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