National Forest and Grasslands in Texas
Drought Timeline

Oct 2010

USDA officially declares beginning of drought in Texas.

June 2011

Drought and wildfires lead USDA to declare the entire state of Texas a Natural Disaster.

July 2011

Trees begin to show effects of drought. Primarily limited to pines.

Aug 2011

NFGT begins to monitor effects of drought on trees.

Sept 2011

NFGT begins Large Scale Event Recovery plan
- Aerial sketch mapping
- Satellite imagery
- Field Surveys

Jan 2012

NFGT develops plan to manage dead trees with focus on:
- Property boundaries
- Roads
- Developed Recreation Areas

Feb 2012

NFGT begins to implement management plan.
- Salvage sales
- Contracts for Cut and Leave

March 2012

Number of dead trees increasing, including hardwoods. Recreation on trails is increasing.

March 30

Forest Supervisor issues Closure Orders.

April 9

Regional Forester approves mobilization of Drought Incident Command Team.

April 10

Forest Supervisor orders a Rapid Evaluation of dead trees on:
- Trails and Trail heads
- Hunter Camps

April 18

Rapid Evaluation completed.

April 20

Incident Command Team analyzes data and prepares recommendations for treatment.