

6E

Community Cluster.....6

Landscape Class.....E

Description

The counties are mainly in the Rio Grande valley of Texas and are characterized by mesquite dominated rangeland. Other counties in New Mexico and Colorado are also rangeland dominated. This area does not experience many ignitions but once a fire starts it can burn large areas. This is a very high demographic stress area with a high Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) density. The response capacity to fire can be an issue due to the high stress and roadless areas.

Challenges and Opportunities

Vegetation and Fuels

These counties have a history of using prescribed fire and could expand or maintain use of this fuel management option.

Homes, Communities and Values at Risk

Individual homeowners can be proactive on home defensive actions.

Human-Caused Ignitions

Human caused ignitions are not as great here as in other parts of the country, but may deserve attention if a local situation dictates.

Effective and Efficient Wildfire Response

Response organizations continue to protect structures, treat fuels and target ignitions as local conditions apply.

Example of a Typical County

Val Verde County, Texas: This US-Mexico border county experienced large fires in 2007, 2008 and 2011.



National Priorities

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| Vegetation and Fuels | Moderate |
| Homes, Communities and Values at Risk | High |
| Human-Caused Ignitions | Very Low |

Effective and Efficient Wildfire Response:
There is moderate risk of large wildfires, more potential for resource benefits.

6E County Names

Colorado

Bent

Crowley

New Mexico

Guadalupe

South Dakota

Bennett

Buffalo

Todd

Ziebach

Texas

Childress

Cochran

Duval

Foard

Garza

Hall

Hudspeth

La Salle

Maverick

Presidio

Reeves

Starr

Val Verde

Webb

Zapata