PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 04/19/18 thru 0800 04/20/18

NE Area – 1 fires burned 120 acres (Cause: Escaped Controlled Burn)
EC Area – 1 fires burned 14 acres (Cause: Escaped Debris Burn)
SE Area – 1 fires burned 145 acres (Cause: Escaped Prescribed Burn)

OFS Prescribed Fire – No activity

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside of the Protection Area:
- 34 Complex (Woodward County) – 62,089 Acres (Reduced acreage due to better mapping), 60% Contained
- Rhea Fire (Dewey County) – 289,078 Acres, 25% Contained
- Laverne Fire (Beaver/Harper County) – 100 Acres, 100% Contained

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS from www.firereporting.ok.gov recorded on 04/19/18 thru 04/20/18
- No new information entered for yesterday’s reporting period

Statewide Discussion:
Oklahoma Forestry Services has assigned two Incident Management Teams to the largest fires in western Oklahoma. The Southern Region Gold Team (Type 2 IMT) has been assigned to the 34 Complex. The Florida Forest Service Red Team (Type 1 IMT) is managing the Rhea Fire. These Teams are working under the authority of Oklahoma Forestry Services and are in unified command with the local fire departments affected by these incidents.

Suppression efforts on the Laverne, Rhea, and 34 Complex were aided by improved fire weather conditions yesterday. Full containment was achieved on the Laverne Fire with significant advances in the containment percentages on Rhea and the 34 Complex. An infrared flight over the Rhea and 34 Complex has identified areas on both fires with high degrees of residual heat. This information will allow for focused mop up, minimizing the chance of both fires escaping their current footprint when fire weather conditions again deteriorate.

Fire Danger will be moderate to high, with the highest fire danger generally west of US 81 to a line extending from Harper County to Harmon County. Relative humidity today will drop into the mid-30% range in this area with south-southwest winds 10-15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Temperatures in this area are forecast to reach into the mid-60s. Cloud cover will assist with moderating the fire danger in this area despite the very dry wildland fuels.

In the Panhandle, winds are forecast from the south-southwest at 20-25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph. However, fire danger in this area will be mitigated by higher relative humidity values and cloud cover. In addition, the chance of rainfall is high across this area and the remainder of Oklahoma. If moisture is received, it will accelerate Spring green up in areas where it falls.

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC – While the promise of rainfall remains in the forecast, do not let your guard down in regards to the potential for wildfires. Take the time to assess your property’s vulnerability to an approaching wildfire by visiting www.firewiseusa.org. This site offers practical tips for things that you can do to increase your home’s chance of surviving a wildfire. Also, visit the Ready, Set, Go! website at http://www.wildlandfiresg.org/ to develop your personal wildfire readiness plan. PLEASE NOTE: A Governor’s Burn Ban exists in a large portion of Oklahoma (see map below).

Resources:
- Resource Hotline (800) 800-2481
  5 – OFS Task Forces
  5 – Air Attack Platforms
  4 – SEATs
- 1 - OFS/OHP Aerial Observation Platform
- 2 - Type 1 Helicopters
- 3 – Type 1 Airtankers
- 3 – CL-415 Super Scoopers
- 2 – National Guard Helicopters

Burn Ban Status:
- RED = Governor’s Burn Ban
- YELLOW = County Burn Ban

For the most current information on Burn Bans click on the following link: http://www.forestry.ok.gov/burn-ban-info


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