

Fire Situation Report – April 15, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 04/14/16 thru 04/15/16

- NE Area – No fires reported for the period.
- EC Area – No fires reported for the period.
- SE Area – No fires reported for the period.

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- No large fire activity reported within the Protection Area for the period.

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- **350 Complex (Woodward and Harper Counties)** –Minimal fire activity and fire behavior have been experienced over the past 24-hours. The wildfire has burned 57,167 acres in Woodward and Harper counties and is now 95% contained. Ground resources continue to patrol fire lines utilizing current weather conditions to increase fire containment. Arcing power lines has been identified as the cause of the fire. Ground resources will remain on this fire until full containment is achieved.

OFS Prescribed Fire Activity:

No Activity

* Protection Area Statistics do not reflect local fire department's fire run information. Statistics are for the ODAFF-Forestry Services' fifteen county Fire Protection Area in eastern Oklahoma unless otherwise noted in the Discussion section of this report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS** from www.firereporting.ok.gov recorded on 04/14/16 thru 04/15/16

Fire Department statistics unavailable at the time of this report.

*These statistics are from Fire Departments that have recorded their information on the Oklahoma, Forestry Services web-based Fire Reporting System. Totals do not reflect the total acres burned or total number of fires that have occurred in Oklahoma.

Statewide Discussion: The moisture plume continues to build-in from the west and should start to push into western Oklahoma late this afternoon or early evening. Prior to this systems arrival there will be an "Elevated" fire danger threat in western and central portions of the state. Temperatures today could reach 79°, minimum Relative Humidity will be around 43% and winds will be from the southeast 17 – 23 miles per hour with gusts in excess of 40 miles per hour. Friday evening there is a 15 – 40% chance of wetting rain in extreme western Oklahoma and there is a "Marginal" risk of severe thunderstorms. The rain chances will continue to increase through the weekend and should provide wetting rain over most of the state. Saturday the chances of rain will be 80 – 100% in the west; 15 – 60% central and 10 – 20% in the eastern portion of the state. The risk of severe thunderstorms will be "Marginal to Slight" across the state. This approaching weather system will bring good chances of wetting rain to most areas of the state. There is a potential threat for flooding in some areas. Monitor local weather over the next several days and be prepared to act in the event of severe weather.

Resources:

- Initial attack resources available from incident.
- Fixed-Wing Tanker, Air-Attack and National Guard Rotor-Wing aircraft available.
- OHP Fixed Wing Recon available.

Call the Incident Resource Hotline at (800) 800-2481 to request resources.

Harper, Cimarron, Texas, Woodward, Alfalfa and Beaver Counties have issued a county burn ban. For the most current information on Burn Bans click on the following link: <http://www.forestry.ok.gov/burn-ban-information>

Remember... ONLY YOU can prevent wildfires! Enjoy Oklahoma's wildlands responsibly.
Report any suspicious wildland fire activity on the
Arson Tip Line: 1-866-662-7766 (1-866-NO ARSON).

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