

Fire Situation Report – April 16 & 17, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



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

- 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. If the fire area receives predicted rainfall this fire should go to 100% containment today. No further reports will be issued unless conditions warrant.

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 04/15/16 thru 04/16/16

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: A significant moisture surge moved into the state late Friday evening. This moisture plume continues to build-in front of an approaching cold front moving into the area from west to east. This system should push across the state this weekend. This is a slow moving front and has the potential to produce significant amounts of rain. Winds in advance of the front will be from the southeast. With passage of the cold front, winds will shift to the northwest. Rainfall amounts associated with this system could be significant with some areas predicted to receive 3 – 6 inches. Some of the storms associated with this system could be severe capable of producing tornados, large hail and winds in excess of 60 miles per hour. Outflow winds from thunderstorms could be even higher. 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:

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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