

Fire Situation Report – April 13, 2018

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services

PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 04/12/18 thru 0800 04/13/18

NE Area – 9 Fires Burned 325.25 Acres (5-Incendiary, 4-Escaped Debris)

EC Area – 4 Fires Burned 92 Acres (2-Incendiary, 1-Escaped Debris, 1-Escaped Control Burn)

SE Area – 2 Fires Burned 21 Acres (1-Incendiary, 1-Equipment)



Large / Significant Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- West Liberty Fire (Haskell County) – 418 Acres / 95% Contained
- Pine Springs Ranch (Cherokee County) – 200 (Est) / 80% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside of the Protection Area:

- 34 Complex (Woodward County) – 115,000 Acres (Est), 0% Contained
- Rhea Fire (Dewey County) – 82,000 Acres (Est), 0% Contained
- Shaw Fire (Roger Mills County) – 3,500 Acres (Est), 25% Contained
- Roadside Fire (Woodward County) - 1,500 Acres (Est), 10% Contained
- 66 Fire (Lincoln County) – 150 Acres, 50% Contained
- Anderson Road Fire (Logan County) – 60 Acres, 50% Contained
- Brake Road Fire (Kay County) – 400 Acres (Est) / 90% Contained
- Hwy 11 Fire (Kay County) – 350 Acres (Est) / 95% Contained

OFS Prescribed Fire Activity:

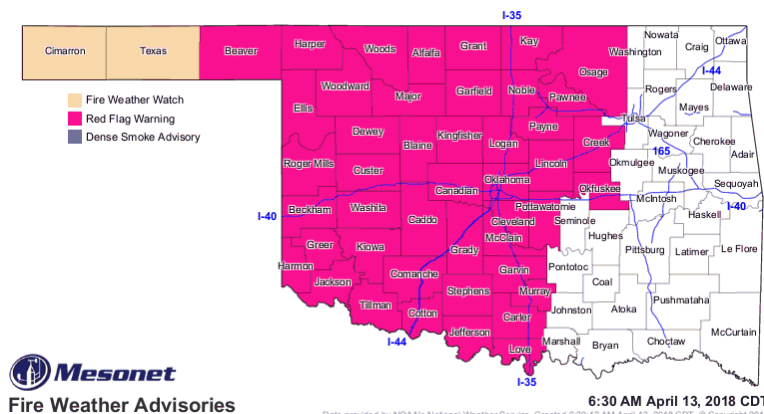
No New activity

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS from www.firereporting.ok.gov recorded on 04/12/18 thru 04/13/18

- Numerous Fires with reporting ongoing.

Statewide Discussion:

The fire environment unfortunately lived up to the forecast and predictions yesterday with significant fire activity in Oklahoma. Very strong burning conditions in western Oklahoma during the overnight hours on the heels of blow-up conditions during the afternoon drove fires to meet the rate of fire spread predictions. Numerous evacuations have been established and are ongoing in northwest Oklahoma. An extremely complex fire environment will be in place today with a cold front forecast to impact the ongoing fires as well as new fire occurrence expected. A more widespread Red Flag Warning will be in place today with a dry line pushing east complicated by a cold front.



Northwest Oklahoma: Very poor overnight recovery with no relaxation of the burning period will be intensified as a dry line again pushes east. Ongoing fires will be impacted in the pre-frontal environment by relative humidity values of 9-15% promoting very receptive fuels and fire spread pushed by southwest winds 18-25 mph gusting 30-45 mph. Winds will shift clockwise through the day to northwest by nightfall as a slowed frontal boundary approaches. Relative humidity values will improve in the post-frontal environment; however persistent drying will retain fuel receptiveness and wind speeds will likely overcome moisture improvement.

Western / Central Oklahoma: Ahead of the cold front, very dry conditions will push into and east of the I-35 corridor along with southwest winds 20-30 mph gusting in excess of 40 mph at times. Early morning showers south of OKC will serve as little offset as they eject to the east with the dryness of the atmosphere pushing just ahead of the cold front. Hazardous fire behavior will occur with any new fire occurrence. Potential for explosive fire growth will be present in the heavily populated I-35 corridor today.

Fire danger will remain in place focused on the western half of Oklahoma through the weekend and into next week.

Resources: Resource Hotline (800) 800-2481

3 – OFS Task Forces (Woodward/Weatherford/Guthrie)

1 - OHP/OFS Aerial Observation Platform

1 – Air Attack Platform

2 - Type 1 Helicopters

2 – National Guard Helicopters

** County Wildland Task Forces should be prepared for mobilization**



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>

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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