

Fire Situation Report – September 6, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services

PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 08/29/16 thru 09/06/16

NE Area – No Activity
EC Area – 2 Fires Burned 6.1 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary, 1-Equipment)
SE Area – 1 Fire Burned 0.1 Acres (1-Incendiary)



Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- Liberty Fire (Pittsburg County) – 155 Acres, 100% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Honey Creek Fire (Murray County) – 3,360 Acres, 100% Contained
- Spanish Peaks Fire (Okmulgee County) – 263 Acres, 100% Contained

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 08/29/16 thru 09/06/16

- 2 Fires Burned 19 Acres (Cause: 1-Lightning, 1-Escaped Debris, 2-Electrical, 3-Misc.) – Tecumseh FD Reporting)
- Additional activity noted in media outlets.

*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 Labor Day holiday weekend proved to be warm and dry contributing the development of isolated, localized pockets of elevated fire danger. Conditions overall lend to successful initial attack efforts across Oklahoma; however limited resistance to suppression effort may be experienced in those localized pockets such as areas centered around Muskogee County in northeast Oklahoma and Johnston county in the south. .

The current drought monitor indicates that abnormally dry conditions are expanding in south-central counties up into northeast Oklahoma. This is supported by current KBDI values that have been increasing throughout the summer along with lagging rainfall totals registering below normal rainfall in a broad swath from Ottawa County southwest to Jefferson County. However, respectable live herbaceous fuel moisture and reasonable fine-dead fuel moisture supported by modest relative humidity is presently holding Energy Release Component values at bay in large part, thus offsetting fire danger rating overall reserving those localized pockets discussed previously.

Dry conditions are expected statewide today with the exclusion of some ongoing rainfall in the western Panhandle. Dry conditions will give way to developing rain chances in northwest Oklahoma on Wednesday continuing to moderate fire danger across that area of the state. A cold front arriving on Friday into Saturday will usher in chances for rain across the state as well as noticeably cooler temperatures reducing fire danger heading into late summer.

No Burn Bans are presently active. 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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