

Fire Situation Report – April 15, 2018

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services

PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 04/14/18 thru 0800 04/15/18

NE Area – **No New Activity**

EC Area – **No New Activity**

SE Area – **No New Activity**

Large / Significant Fire Activity within the Protection Area: **No New Activity**

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside of the Protection Area:

- Dollar Pond Fire (Caddo County) – 300 Acres, 10% Contained
- 34 Complex (Woodward County) – 53,000 Acres (Est), 25% Contained
- Rhea Fire (Dewey County) – 242,000 Acres (Est), 3% Contained
- Cheyenne Fire (Roger Mills County) – 81 Acres, 90% Contained
- East Reydon Fire (Roger Mills County) – 1,232 Acres, 81% Contained
- 48/33 Fire (Creek County) – 162 Acres, 89% Contained
- Shaw Fire (Roger Mills County) – 7,257 Acres, 40% Contained
- Roadside Fire (Woodward County) - 961 Acres , 51% Contained
- 66 Fire (Lincoln County) – 150 Acres, 75% Contained
- Anderson Road Fire (Logan County) – 60 Acres, 75% Contained
- Brake Road Fire (Kay County) – 400 Acres (Est) / 80% Contained
- Hwy 11 Fire (Kay County – 350 Acres (Est) / 73% Contained

OFS Prescribed Fire Activity: **No New activity**

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS from www.firereporting.ok.gov recorded on 04/14/18 thru 04/15/18

- **Numerous Fires with reporting ongoing.**

Statewide Discussion:

Fire danger across the western half of the state remains firmly in place today; however slightly reduced fire weather will present opportunity for firefighters to make headway on the large, ongoing fires today. Notably, fire danger will rapidly increase on Monday and Tuesday's forecast conditions will move fire danger back into the extreme category for a broad swath of western Oklahoma.

Dry conditions are expected across Oklahoma today with very-high fire danger indices persisting in western Oklahoma. The highest concern will remain in the area of the ongoing fires and across the western third of Oklahoma. Temperatures will warm into the 60°s with clear skies and relative humidity values as low as 16% will facilitate fine fuel moisture values again below 5%. New fires will likely exhibit rapid rates of fire spread from the onset and ongoing fires will require extensive patrol and mop up given the receptiveness of fuels. One situational awareness note is that in some areas green wheat fields have definitely slowed the spread, but not been a barrier to fire spread.

Escalating fire danger through Tuesday is expected with potential for temperatures back up into the 90°s and relative humidity values below 15% in western Oklahoma and below 25% along the I-35 corridor. Sustained southwest winds up to 30 mph and gusts 40-45 mph will again present a very concerning fire behavior scenario with extreme rates of fire spread anticipated.

Resources: Resource Hotline (800) 800-2481

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

1 - OHP/OFS Aerial Observation Platform

1 – Air Attack Platform

2 - Type 1 Helicopters

3 – Type 1 Airtankers

4 – SEATs

2 – CL-415 Scoopers

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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