

Fire Situation Report – September 12, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services

PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 09/06/16 thru 09/12/16

NE Area – 2 Fires Burned 11 Acres (Cause: 2-Incendiary)
EC Area – 2 Fires Burned 3.5 Acres (Cause: 2-Equipment)
SE Area – 2 Fires Burned 15.5 Acres (1-Incendiary, 1-Equipment)

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area: **No Activity**

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Cramp Fire (Okmulgee County), 25 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 09/06/16 thru 09/12/16

- No Activity Reported
- 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 cold front that crossed Oklahoma at the end of last week provided a shot of moisture across the area of developing drought temporarily boosting fine-dead fuel moisture and slightly improving live-herbaceous moisture; however a growing departure from normal precipitation exists throughout a large section of central and eastern Oklahoma as reflected in the current drought monitor. Summer-stressed fuels will support fire activity with continued warm temperatures and lengthy burning periods, but current live-fuel moisture will moderate fire behavior in most areas. Initial attack success remains high in probability noting that isolated pockets of higher fire danger will remain in place until additional rainfall can improve conditions.

Looking ahead through this week, daily rain chances will be present in the Panhandle and northwest Oklahoma promising continuation of good growing season conditions relative to fire. A series of weather systems through the week will boost rain chances across the bulk of Oklahoma beginning Tuesday evening with improving chances as the week progresses.

As the growing season begins to subside, herbaceous fuels will shift toward increasing availability. Any area experiencing a 2-5 day separation from wetting rains should expect increasing fire danger. Current Energy Release Component values indicate less than average conditions on the broad scale; however localized areas of elevated fire danger should be expected.

Special Note to Public: Haying and mowing operations occasionally spark wildfires resulting in the loss of hay, damage to equipment and threat to public safety. A few preventive and preparedness actions to reduce the risk include:

- Check and maintain fluids, grease fittings as needed, check belts for wear and tension, and routinely clean screens and filters.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- Should a fire ignite, do not hesitate to call 911.

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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