

Fire Situation Report – October 3, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 09/26/16 thru 10/03/16

NE Area – 3 Fires Burned 36 Acres (Cause: 3-Escaped Debris)
EC Area – 5 Fires Burned 5.4 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary, 1-Equipment, 1-Misc.)
SE Area – 8 Fires Burned 242 Acres (5-Incendiary, 3-Escaped Debris)

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- Powell Fire (Atoka County) – 228 Acres, 100% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area: **No Activity**

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 09/26/16 thru 10/03/16

- 1 Fire Burned 0.5 Acres (Cause: 1-Escaped Control Burn) *Eldorado FD Reporting*

*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: Windy conditions are expected throughout the day across western Oklahoma developing in central Oklahoma by late afternoon. **The highest fire danger today will reside in the Panhandle and far northwestern Oklahoma where temperatures will be in the mid- to upper 80's with relative humidity values 25-35%. The current forecast calls for south winds near 25 mph this afternoon accompanied with gusts approaching 35 mph.** Limited precipitation chances will be present this afternoon and evening in this area; however little moisture benefit should be anticipated. Much of the Panhandle and far northwestern Oklahoma have not received a wetting rain in excess of 20 days, and given seasonality of herbaceous fuels rates of fire spread in excess of 200 ft./min. are possible. Very good fuel moisture recovery is expected in the overnight hours, boosting the probability of successful initial attack.

Forecasted potential for thunderstorms and severe weather on Tuesday will be accompanied with the possibility of elevated fire danger across parts of western Oklahoma ahead of storm development. Fire danger will be dependent upon storm timing and relative humidity values. System development later in the day may translate into a brief period of elevated fire danger across western Oklahoma concentrated on northwest Oklahoma and the Panhandle.

Current forecasts indicate that potential for fire danger will diminish later in the week across most of Oklahoma as precipitation chances remain in place and increase into Thursday excluding northwest Oklahoma. Given the current forecasts, evaluating fire danger into the latter part of the week becomes challenging. The Oklahoma Wildfire Situation Report will be updated later in the week should fire danger conditions and/or fire occurrence merits.

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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