

# Fire Situation Report – February 9, 2016

## Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 02/08/16 thru 02/09/16

NE Area – 11 Fires Burned 112.5 Acres (Cause: 6-Incendiary, 1-Debris, 1-Equipment, 1-Escaped Control Burn, 2-Electrical)  
EC Area – 7 Fires Burned 1,782.1 Acres (Cause: 7-Incendiary)  
SE Area – 6 Fires Burned 33.2 Acres (Cause: 4-Incendiary, 1-Debris, 1-Equipment)

- Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area
  - Mountain Station Fire (Latimer County) – 600 acres, 80% Contained
- Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:
  - Varnum Fire (Seminole County) – 279.5 Acres, 40% Contained
  - Gar Creek Fire (Seminole County) – 325.3 Acres, 1 Out-building, 60% Contained
  - 2 Mile Road Fire (Pittsburg County) – 1,000 acres est., 80% 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](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 02/08/16 thru 02/09/16

- Eola Fire (Garvin County) – 400 acres, 100% Contained – *Pernell 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:** High to Very High Fire Danger indices will persist across Oklahoma again today (and into tomorrow) with warming conditions, continued dry air and elevated wind speeds. Winds are not expected to be as significant as yesterday; however rapid rates of fire spread should be expected in grass and grass/shrub fuels.

Panhandle & Southwest – Temperature 60°-63°, 18-21% with winds northwest 15-20 mph limited gusts.  
Western & Central & Eastern – Temperature 47°-59°, 23-29% with winds northwest 15-20 mph gusting to near 30 mph.

Relative humidity recovery overnight was marginal which will promote falling fine fuel moisture early in the burning period continuing through nightfall. Grass dominated fuels are exhibiting very rapid rates of fire spread exceeding 300 ft./min. at times. Timber litter continues to produce reduced fire behavior; however large diameter fuels are burning aggressively.

**Special Note to Firefighters:** With marginal moisture recovery overnight, it is recommended that control lines from fires occurring yesterday be thoroughly checked today. Areas where heavy fuels and snags are present will continue to burn for the next few days posing a threat to control lines.

**There are no Burn Bans currently in effect in Oklahoma.** For the most current information on Burn Bans click on the following link:

**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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