

Fire Situation Report – February 15, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 02/12/16 thru 02/15/16

NE Area –

EC Area – Complete Data Not Available at Time of Report

SE Area –

- Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area
 - Weber Mountain Fire (Latimer County) – 300 Acres, 50% Contained
 - Dipping Vat Fire (Latimer County) – 275 Acres, 50% Contained
 - Tucker Knob Fire (Haskell County) – 200 Acres, 50% Contained
- Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:
 - Jackson Fire (Creek County) – 745.9 Acres, 75% 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 02/11/16 thru 02/11/16

- 2 Fires Burned 2 Acres – *Tecumseh and Eldorado FD's 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: While overnight moisture recovery was respectable, warm temperatures and dry air will elevate fire danger into the afternoon. Winds are not expected to exceed 15 mph, but will produce moderate rates of fire spread in fine fuels.

The highest fire danger today will lie along and west of I-35 where relative humidity values around 25% (upper teens in the Panhandle) resulting in dry, receptive fuels. Above normal temperatures will continue in the mid-60°s. Northwest winds around 10 mph with some gusts near 15 mph will produce moderate rates of fire spread (200 ft./min in typical grass fuels).

East of the I-35 corridor, relative humidity values will be somewhat higher in the 30-35% range with above normal temperatures and northwest winds 10-13 mph. While the highest fire danger will lie in western Oklahoma, conditions in eastern Oklahoma should not be discounted – especially where a fire is aligned with both slope and wind.

Dry/dormant fuels, above average temperatures and a continued dry air-mass will hold fire danger in place through the week. At this time, enhanced fire danger ahead of a front should be expected on Thursday possibly as high temperatures and potentially strong winds are forecast.

There are no County Burn Bans currently in effect in Oklahoma. For the most current information on Burn Bans click on the following link: <http://www.forestry.ok.gov/burn-ban-information>

****NOTE: Some municipalities have enacted local outdoor burning bans. Check with your local authorities prior to conducting outdoor burning activities.**

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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