

# Fire Situation Report – February 23, 2016

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



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 02/22/16 thru 02/23/16

NE Area – 3 Fires Burned 31.5 Acres (Cause: 2-Incendiary, 1-Escaped Burn)

EC Area – 1 Fire Burned 20 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary)

SE Area – No Activity

- **Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area (No New Activity)**
  - Round Prairie Fire (Pushmataha County) – 1,520 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Dog House Fire (Latimer County) – 5,994-Acres, 100% Contained
  - Mason Fire (Pittsburgh County) – 1,500 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Miner Fire (Deleware County) – 400 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Monster Fire (Deleware County) – 500 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Devils Backbone Fire (Mayes County) – 900 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Colcord Junction Fire (Deleware County) – 600 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Shoe Mountain Fire (Pittsburgh County) – 4,000 Acres, 100% Contained
  - Green Cabin Fire (Latimer County) – 5,000 Acres, 100% Contained
- **Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area: (1 New Large Fire)**
  - Stover #1 Fire (Seminole County) – 150 acres, 75% Contained
  - Pharoah/Nuyaka Fire (Okmulgee and Okfuskee Counties), 21,840 acres, 95% Contained
  - Pawnee Cove Fire (Pawnee County) – 3,500 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](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 02/22/16 thru 02/23/16

- **5 Fires Burned 687.2 Acres – Wyandotte, Guymon and Cordell FD's Reporting**
  - Numerous other fires were 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:** Rain is presently falling and amounts totaling a wetting rain (in excess of 0.25 in.) have fallen across the southern tier from Harmon County to McCurtain County and in some places pushing as far north as I-40. Much of northern Oklahoma is not expected to receive much rain out of this system, and many northern and northwestern counties are not expected to realize a good wetting event. Higher relative humidity and sky cover will greatly hamper fire danger today. No significant activity anticipated today.

Despite rising moisture and sky cover yesterday afternoon, fire activity continued to persist. The CL-415 was dispatched to a fire yesterday evening and delivered 40,000 gallons assisting ground resources with suppression efforts. Additional aircraft have arrived in Ardmore and Woodward along with ground resources (dozers, engines and overhead personnel) supporting OFS suppression activity,

As of this time, it appears that there is probability of fire weather returning and ramping up into the weekend with dry conditions, rising temperatures and once again increasing winds. The potential for Red Flag criteria to be met this coming weekend is strong.

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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