

Fire Situation Report – February 25, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 02/24/16 thru 02/25/16

NE Area –
EC Area – No New Activity
SE Area –

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area No New Activity

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area: No New 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 02/24/16 thru 02/25/16

- o No Activity Reported – Wildfire Activity was 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: Fire danger will continue across much of northern and northwestern Oklahoma following a cool start this morning, and drying conditions elsewhere will facilitate the return of fire danger into the weekend.

The highest fire danger today will reside north and west of a line from Bartlesville to Clinton. Temperatures in this area will be in the low 50's, but afternoon relative humidity 23-29% will promote dry fuels. This area has not experienced a wetting rain in excess of 20 days with some areas in western Oklahoma nearing 75 consecutive days with less than 0.25 in. North winds 10-15 mph and some gusts near 20 mph will promote moderate to rapid rates of fire spread especially when wind, topography and fuels are aligned.

Drying conditions will continue today promoted by relative humidity values 28-35%, clear skies and a brisk north wind. The continued drying and presently forecast fire weather will expand fire danger into central and western counties into the weekend.

Special Note to Firefighters:

Significant fire activity last week resulted in multiple agencies working together to suppress fires. We encourage you to take a few moments and conduct an After Action Review that addresses tactics, incident command structure and communications. During the course of the review, identify the successes and efficiencies to be repeated as well as the areas requiring improvement.

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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