

# Fire Situation Report – February 26, 2016

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



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 02/25/16 thru 02/26/16

NE Area – 2 Fires Burned 16.1 Acres (Cause: 1-Debris, 1-Other)  
EC Area – No New Activity  
SE Area – 1 Fire Burned 0.5 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary)

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](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 02/25/16 thru 02/26/16

- o No New 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:** Increasing fire danger will be prevalent through the weekend across much of Oklahoma. Areas that did not receive a wetting rain in the last round of precipitation will experience fire weather and fuel availability capable of supporting very rapid rates of fire spread and potential for extreme fire behavior.

**Today:** The Highest fire danger will exist north and west of a line from Osage County to northern Harmon County. Temperature 60°-65°, clear skies and relative humidity values 19-25% will result in very dry, receptive fine fuels. West-southwest winds 14-21 mph with some higher gusts will result in rapid rates of fire spread in fine fuels and support short range spotting. Drying conditions will expand today resulting in areas that received 0.5" or less of precipitation having fuels that will readily support active combustion.

**Saturday:** A Fire Weather Watch has been issued for Saturday afternoon and evening spanning 13 northern and western counties from Osage County to Roger Mills County. Temperatures 68°-80°, afternoon relative humidity 15-25%, and southwest winds 15-30 mph gusting 25-40 mph will yield rates of fire spread and fire behavior similar to what was realized last Thursday.

**Sunday:** Fire weather will slightly moderate, however drying conditions to this point will bring a larger geographic area into play. Fire weather will generally be 69°-75°, with relative humidity values less than 30% in all but southeast Oklahoma. Winds are expected to shifting with a frontal boundary from southwest to northwest at 10-20 mph. **Gusts associated with frontal passage may reach 35 mph.**

### **Special Note to Firefighters:**

- County Wildland Task Force Resources should be prepared for mobilization.
- OFS will have Task Force and Overhead Personnel Resources prepositioned for response.
- OFS will have fixed wing air-attack and tanker resources available.
- OHP and OFS personnel will have aerial recon resources available.
- National Guard rotor-wing aircraft will be available.

Contact the Incident Resource Hotline at (800) 800-2481 to request resources.

Harper County has issued a county burn ban. 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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