

Fire Situation Report – February 29, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 02/28/16 thru 02/29/16

NE Area – 6 Fires Burned 1,295.8 Acres (Cause: 5-Incendiary, 1-Debris)
EC Area – 8 Fires Burned 1,271.5 Acres (Cause: 6-Incendiary, 1-Debris, 1-Other)
SE Area – 7 Fires Burned 863 Acres (Cause: 5-Incendiary, 2-Debris)

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area

- South Wesley Fire (Atoka County) – 180 Acres, 85% Contained
- East Lost Fire (Atoka County) – 600 Acres, 75% Contained
- Pine Top Fire (Pittsburg County) – 640 Acres, 80% Contained
- Bristow Point Fire (Pittsburg County) – 113 Acres, 100% Contained
- Big Ridge Fire (Latimer County) – 400 Acres, 85% Contained
- Bar-G Fire (Mayes County) – 300 Acres, 100% Contained
- M&M Fire (Cherokee County) – 900 Acres, 100% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Ralsten Fire (Creek County) – 250 acres est., 10% Contained
- 3296 Rd. Fire (Lincoln County) – 220 Acres, 60%
- Lawson Fire (Payne County) – 270 Acres, 80% Contained
- Perry Lake Fire (Noble County) – 330 Acres, 80% Contained
- Cashion Fire (Logan County) – 740 Acres, 75% Contained
- Lenora Fire (Dewey County) – 100 Acres est., 25% Contained
- North Mooreland Fire (Woodward County) – 40 Acres est., 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 recorded on 02/28/16 thru 02/29/16

- 2 Fires Burned 2 Acres (Cause: 2-Equipment) *Cleveland & Tecumseh FD's Reporting*
– 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: The highest fire danger today will again lie along and north of the I-44 corridor. Relative humidity values ranging from 16% in the Panhandle to 28% south and west of I-44 will result in very dry fine fuels this afternoon. Temperatures in the low to upper 70°s with mostly clear skies into the burning period will promote quick dissipation of overnight moisture recovery. Winds in this area will be strongest in northwest Oklahoma from the southwest around 15-20 mph gusting in excess of 20 mph at times. Expect fires to move quickly with some potential for problematic fire behavior.

Southeast Oklahoma will likely see somewhat reduced fire danger, but still rated moderated to high. Temperatures in the low 70°s, south winds 8-10 mph and relative humidity above 30%. The area is nearing one week since a wetting rain, and well drained areas will readily support fire activity.

Storm chances move in to Oklahoma this evening with some severe potential. Location, duration and amount of precipitation will affect fire danger over the next few days; however forecasts indicate potential for high to extreme fire danger through the week with critical fire weather conditions possible on Wednesday.

Special Note to Firefighters:

- 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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