

Fire Situation Report – March 3, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/02/16 thru 03/03/16

NE Area – 4 Fires Burned 30 Acres (Cause: 3 Incendiary)
EC Area – No New Activity
SE Area – No New Activity

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area

No New Activity

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Orlando Rd. Fire (Noble County) – 272 Acres, 30% Contained
- Ralsten Fire (Creek County) – 972 acres, 65% Contained
- Lenora Fire (Dewey County) – 357 Acres est., 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 03/02/16 thru 03/03/16

- 2 Fires Burned 325 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary, 1-Misc.) Orlando and Jennings 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: A few storms moved across central Oklahoma sliding into southeast Oklahoma providing a wetting rain for a few small areas from McAlester to southern LeFlore County. A couple of showers linger this morning in far northeast Oklahoma as well; however in most of the state will continue in fire danger.

High to Very High fire danger indices will be present today along and west of a line from Vinita in Craig County to Ardmore in Carter County. A cold front moving through will bring stiff north winds today and dry air on the backside. Temperatures in this area will be in the mid-60°s under clear skies and unstable atmosphere. Relative humidity behind the front is expected to drop into the 20-30% range potentially lower in northwestern counties including the Panhandle. Winds mid-morning through the burning period will be north-northwest 16-28 mph with some gusts potentially higher.

Fires, especially when aligned with wind and topography, will exhibit rapid rates of fire spread today. Firefighting personnel are encouraged to follow up on fires that were contained in initial attack yesterday with the shifting winds, very dry fuels and the continued burning of large diameter fuels.

Fire danger will remain in place into the weekend with potential for critical criteria being met.

Resources:

- 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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