

Fire Situation Report – March 4, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/03/16 thru 03/04/16

- NE Area – 4 Fires Burned 258 Acres (Cause: 4-Incendiary)
- EC Area – No New Activity
- SE Area – No New Activity

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area

- Los Prados (Cherokee County) – 240 Acres, 50% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Edge Rock Fire (Murray County) – 347 Acres, 20% Contained
- Orlando Rd. Fire (Noble County) – 272 Acres, 80% Contained
- Ralsten Fire (Creek County) – 972 acres, 90% Contained
- Lenora Fire (Dewey County) – 587 Acres, 60% 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 03/03/16 thru 03/04/16

- No New Activity

** - 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 Red Flag Warning is in effect today spanning 27 counties in Oklahoma from Noon through 7:00 PM including Osage, Pawnee, Harper, Woods Alfalfa, Grant, Kay, Ellis, Woodward, Major, Garfield, Roger Mills, Dewey, Custer, Blaine, Beckham, Washita, Harmon, Greer, Kiowa, Jackson, Noble, Kingfisher, Caddo, Canadian, Tiillman and Comanche Counties. Temperatures as high as 80° with much of the area around 75°, south to southwest winds 20-30 mph and relative humidity as low as 10% in the far western counties and nearer 20% elsewhere in the warned area will result potential for extreme rates of fire spread and potential for erratic fire behavior.

The periphery of the warned area will also register Very High fire danger just missing critical fire weather criteria. Immediately east of the warned area, relative humidity values are expected to be 23-28% resulting in very dry, receptive fuels. South winds will be 11-15 mph with some gust higher possible and temperatures in the upper 60°s and low 70°s. Fire weather and fuel conditions will support rapid rates of fire spread.

The Panhandle counties will be warm and very dry with relative humidity values falling below 15%. Winds shifting from southwest to north during the burning period at 10-15 mph will change direction of spread on any active fire.

Somewhat milder fire danger will be present Saturday with slightly cooler temperatures in the 60°s and some low 70°s, with increased relative humidity generally above 30% excluding some areas in far northwest Oklahoma and the Panhandle. East component winds 8-15 mph with some gusts in western Oklahoma will moderate rates of fire spread.

If fire danger escalates through the weekend an updated situation report will be issued.

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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