

# Fire Situation Report – March 5, 2016

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



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/04/16 thru 03/05/16

- NE Area –
- EC Area –           Statistics not available at time of report
- SE Area –

#### Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area

- Los Prados (Cherokee County) – 240 Acres, 75% Contained

#### Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Edge Rock Fire (Murray County) – 347 Acres, 50% Contained
- Orlando Rd. Fire (Noble County) – 272 Acres, 100% Contained
- Ralsten Fire (Creek County) – 972 acres, 100% Contained
- Lenora Fire (Dewey County) – 587 Acres , 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](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 03/04/16 thru 03/05/16

- 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: Very High fire danger will reside across northern Oklahoma today from Delaware County out to Cimarron County.** Temperatures will remain above normal at 64°-74°. Winds will be strongest this afternoon in the Panhandle and northwest Oklahoma with east to southeast flow 15-18 mph gusting to 22 mph. North of a line from Tulsa to Clinton, relative humidity values will fall into the 20-25% range. Fires occurring in this area will likely exhibit rapid rates of fire spread.

Relative humidity values in the remainder of the state are expected to remain above 30% and east winds around 5 mph will limit rates of fire spread.

An unsettled forecast in the offing will retain fire danger in place and pose storm chances as well. The potential for critical fire weather on Sunday and possibly Monday exists. **A Fire Weather Watch in in effect for Sunday in the Panhandle at this time and areas just north of the Oklahoma border are also indicating potential for critical fire danger. With the dynamic weather forecast in place at this time, please be mindful of Standard Firefighting Order #1 – Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.**

#### 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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