

Fire Situation Report – March 6, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/05/16 thru 03/06/16

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

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area

- Tounsend Fire (Cherokee County) – 600 Acres, 50% Contained
- Los Prados (Cherokee County) – 240 Acres, 100% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Alabaster Fire (Woodward County) – 113 Acres, 15% Contained
- Hill Fire (Creek County) – 830 Acres, 15% Contained
- Edge Rock Fire (Murray County) – 347 Acres, 70% Contained
- Lenora Fire (Dewey County) – 587 Acres, 95% 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 03/04/16 thru 03/05/16

- No New Activity – New activity noted in media.

** - 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 for the following counties: Texas, Beaver, Cimarron, Osage, Washington, Pawnee, Tulsa, Creek, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa, Rogers, Mayes and Ottawa.

The Panhandle counties should expect critical fire conditions between 11:00 AM through 7:00 PM as southwest winds increase to 20-30 mph with gust of 45 mph. Relative humidity as low as 10% will result in fine fuel moisture around 3% with a probability of ignition near 90%. Very receptive fuels supported by warm temperatures and strong winds will support fires exhibiting extreme rates of spread.

The Red Flag Warning spanning counties in northeast and north-central Oklahoma includes south to southwest winds 20-30 mph with potential for gusts near 45 mph and temperatures in the mid-70's. Relative humidity is forecast at 25% during the peak of the burning period; however if temperatures warm higher than forecast or drier air mixes in similar to yesterday, relative humidity may fall lower than expected. Fires that become established will exhibit rapid rates of fire spread and erratic fire behavior.

In between the two Warned areas, a wind advisory is in effect with south winds between 25-35 mph gusting in excess of 40 mph. Temperatures will be 70°-73° with relative humidity values expected to be above 30%. Conditions will support rapid rates of fire spread in dormant, fine fuels.

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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