

Fire Situation Report – March 12, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/11/15 thru 03/12/15

NE Area – 2 fires burned 12 acres (Causes: 1-Incendiary; 1-Escaped Controlled Burn)

EC Area – 0 Fires

SE Area – 0 Fires

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

No Activity

Large Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

No Activity

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 03/11/15 thru 03/12/15

1 fire burned 40 acres (Cause: Debris Burning) Reporting Department(s): Blackwell FD

** - 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: No reports of unusual fire activity or requests for State assistance were received during the reporting period. Light rain is occurring in southeast Oklahoma at the time of this report which will keep fire danger low today in that area.

Fire danger today again will be highest north of Interstate 44 and west of Interstate 35. In this area the relative humidity is expected to range from 20-35%, with the lowest humidity in the Panhandle. Temperatures are forecast to reach into the 70s with generally light. Expect any fire starting this afternoon in grassy fuels to exhibit very intense burning with moderate to rapid rates of spread. The highest spread rates will be experienced where wind and terrain align.

SPECIAL NOTE TO FIREFIGHTERS: A cold front is expected to cross into Oklahoma on Friday. Be aware of the potential impacts to fire behavior resulting from the shift in winds and wind speeds from 15-25 mph with higher gusts. The area of greatest concern will be in far western Oklahoma throughout the day on Friday.

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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