

Fire Situation Report – March 16, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/15/16 thru 03/16/16

NE Area – 2 Fires Burned 6 Acres (2-Incendiary)
EC Area – No Activity
SE Area – No Activity

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area: **No New Activity**
Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area: **No New 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 03/15/16 thru 03/16/16

- **No New Activity Reported – 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: Dry air will dominate this afternoon in Oklahoma with continuing warm temperatures; however much lighter winds than yesterday will be present and offer good opportunity for successful initial attack.

The drier air will reside along and northwest of I-44 with most locations observing relative humidity values at 20% or lower by the peak of the burning period (areas in the Panhandle and northwest Oklahoma may see as low as 14%). Temperatures remain warm at 60°-70° this afternoon under sunny skies. Winds will be variable in large part, but generally well below critical thresholds. Northern counties should expect light and variable winds early and then generally west less than 10 mph this afternoon. Southern and western counties will see south winds 10-15 mph with potential for higher gusts. Any fire that becomes established and aligned with wind and topography may exhibit accelerated rates of spread. North winds are forecast for the Panhandle 10-15 mph.

South and east of I-44 will also experience dry air this afternoon with relative humidity values falling below 30%. Recent rains have prompted a green flush in some fields; however timber fuel types as well as warm-season grasses will readily burn today. Light winds will limit spread potential and successful initial attack in this area is expected.

Similar conditions are expected tomorrow across a large part of the state with some rain chances entering the forecast for southeast Oklahoma.

Resources:

- **OFS will have Task Force and Overhead Personnel Resources prepositioned for response.**
- **National Guard rotor-wing aircraft will be available.**
- **Fixed-wing Tanker Available**

To Request Resources call the Incident Resource Hotline at (800) 800-2481

Harper and Cimarron Counties have 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>

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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