

Fire Situation Report – March 18, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/17/15 thru 03/18/15

NE Area – 3 fires burned 286 acres (Causes: 3-Incendiary)

EC Area – 0 fires

SE Area – 0 fires

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

Christie (Adair County) – Oklahoma Forestry Services committed two Type 3 Dozers, two Type 6 Engines, and four firefighting personnel to this incendiary-caused wildfire that burned 250 acres in steep, forested terrain two miles south of Christie. The fire is 100% contained. No structures were reported lost.

Large Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

See below

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 03/17/15 thru 03/18/15

2 fires burned 0.2 acres (Causes: 2-Debris Burning) Reporting Department(s): Cordell 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: Suppression efforts continued on one large fire yesterday:

Boiling Springs (Woodward County): This large wildfire started on 03/16/15 approximately two miles north and five miles east of Woodward. Yesterday's suppression forces consisted of County Wildland Task Forces from Grady County and Alfalfa County, three Oklahoma Forestry Services Task Forces, two Oklahoma Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopters, Oklahoma Highway Patrol and miscellaneous single resources. Suppression efforts yesterday concentrated eliminating on several areas of actively burning fuels, primarily in deep canyons with difficult access. **The fire has burned approximately 23,500 acres and as of yesterday evening is 70% contained.** Numerous primary residences and outbuildings were destroyed. The fire's cause is under investigation. The fire is being managed under Unified Command with Woodward Fire Department, Mooreland Fire Department, and Oklahoma Forestry Services.

Light precipitation fell over the fire's area overnight. Today's activities include patrolling the fires perimeter and releasing all mutual aid and OFS resources. Transfer of command back to the local jurisdictions will occur this morning. Full containment is expected this morning.

Fire danger today will be low to moderate across the entire state. Periodic rainfall, high relative humidity readings and light winds will prevent fire suppression problems if a wildfire were to occur.

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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