

Fire Situation Report – March 18, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/17/16 thru 03/18/16

NE Area – 4 Fires Burned 26 Acres (Cause: 4-Incendiary)
EC Area – 4 Fires Burned 91 Acres (Cause: 4-Incendiary)
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 03/17/16 thru 03/18/16

- **Canadian Oxbow Fire (Woodward County) – 804 Acres, 75% Contained**
- **2 Fires Burned 805 Acres (Cause: 1-Escaped Rx, 1-Escaped Debris) Mooreland and Guymon FD's Reporting**

**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 conditions settled in yesterday afternoon across the northern half of Oklahoma resulting in some fire activity throughout the burning period and persisting dry fuels this morning; however no significant fire activity anticipated today. Northern Oklahoma is experiencing sharply cooler temperatures associated with a frontal boundary that will also accompany cloudy skies, higher relative humidity values and brisk north winds. Precipitation chances exist increasing from west to east with possibility of a little snow in the Panhandle to good chances of rain and isolated storms further east. Southern Oklahoma received a smattering of rain this morning with some thunderstorm development in progress and continuing rain chances today.

A Freeze Watch is in effect for the overnight hours into Saturday morning across much of Oklahoma. Potential for stalling green-up exists should temperatures fall below freezing for a period of time. No significant activity is anticipated on Saturday, but weather conditions will provide drying opportunities that continue into Sunday.

Sunday will see a return of building fire weather with relative humidity values likely falling below 30% across all of northern, central and western Oklahoma. Winds are expected to be 10-15 mph from the north along with temperatures in the mid-50°s. **Fire danger will continue to build into Monday and early next week with potential for near critical fire weather present across the northern half of Oklahoma as well as much of western Oklahoma.**

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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