

Fire Situation Report – March 25, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/24/16 thru 03/25/16

NE Area – 0 fires

EC Area – 0 fires

SE Area – 0 fires

* 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 03/24/16 thru 03/25/16

2 fires burned 2 acres (Causes: 1-Escaped Debris Burning; 1-Miscellaneous) Reporting Departments: Meridian FD and 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: Oklahoma Forestry Services has established a statewide area command in Oklahoma City to prioritize the allocation of state and federal resources. State and Federal aircraft are prepositioned across the state to support on-going and emerging incidents.

On large fire is currently receiving State support:

Anderson Creek (Woods County and State of Kansas) – Les Rogers' Type II Incident Management Team entered Unified Command with Freedom Fire Department and Woods County this morning at 0700. Very little fire spread occurred yesterday on the Oklahoma side of the fire due to firefighting efforts concentrated in areas with high potential for fire movement. Mapping of the entire fire perimeter was completed at 1030 hours yesterday morning. The fire at that time had burned 397,420 acres in Woods County (OK), Comanche County (KS), and Barber County (KS).

Oklahoma Forestry Services, County Wildland Task Forces, Woods County, and the Oklahoma Army National Guard helicopters were involved in the firefighting efforts in Oklahoma yesterday. Numerous structures and livestock have been reported as lost. Damage assessments are planned for today.

Very High to Extreme fire danger will be exist today west of a line from Osage County to Jefferson County. A Red Flag Warning is in effect for a large portion of western Oklahoma from Noon to 8:00 p.m. today. In and near this area expect relative humidity readings to drop into the upper teens to low 20% range. South winds are forecast in the 15-20 mph range with 30-40 mph wind gusts possible. Temperatures are forecast to be cooler today in the 65-75 degree range. **Any on-going fire or new fire starting in this area has the potential to burn with extreme rates of spread and erratic fire behavior.**

For more information concerning today's Red Flag Warning, click on the following link:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/>

SPECIAL NOTE TO FIREFIGHTERS: County Wildland Task Forces should anticipate mobilization today to on-going or emerging incidents in western Oklahoma.

Two County Burn Bans currently in effect in Oklahoma: Harper County and Cimarron County. 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).

