

Fire Situation Report – March 27, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 003/26/15 thru 03/27/15

NE Area – 1 Fires Burned 50 Acres (Cause: 1-Escaped Debris)

EC Area – No Activity

SE Area – No Activity

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 03/26/15 thru 03/27/15

No Activity Reported

** - 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:

Moderated fire danger will hold in place today over western Oklahoma and the Panhandle. Temperatures will range from 63°-72° with relative humidity around 30% in the western half of the state (touching the high teens in the Panhandle). Fires occurring early in the burning period will be influenced by northerly winds at 10-13 mph gusting to 15-18 mph; however winds are expected to diminish and shift easterly into the afternoon.

Central and eastern sections of Oklahoma will be under a fair amount of sky cover through the day with temperatures topping out in the mid-50°s to low-60°s. Primarily north winds will be in place throughout the burning period around 10 mph. Elevated dew points will limit the afternoon relative humidity to 35-45%. No significant fire control issues are expected in this area.

Drying conditions are expected to be present through the weekend. Light winds on Saturday should limit fire growth potential absent of topography; however continued drying of fuels, warming temperatures and increased wind on Sunday will present enhanced fire danger.

Special Note to the Public:

Pleasant weather is in store for the weekend and many homeowners will venture out to begin yard clean-up and landscaping projects. This is a great weekend to consider removing "hazardous fuels" from around your home and consider incorporating less fire prone plant species into your landscaping.

Visit <http://www.forestry.ok.gov/firewiselinksandpublications> to access information on making your home Firewise including a listing of suggested plants for landscaping.

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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