

# Fire Situation Report – March 31, 2015

## Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 003/30/15 thru 03/31/15

**NE Area – 6 Fires Burned 225.5 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary, 2-Escaped Debris, 3-Escaped Control Burn)**

**EC Area – 4 Fires Burned 52 Acres (Cause: 1-Escaped Debris, 3-Escaped Control Burn)**

**SE Area – 1 Fire Burned 20 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary)**

**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](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 03/30/15 thru 03/31/15

**2 Fires Burned 2.5 Acres (Cause:1-Escaped Debris, 1-Electrical) Tecumseh FD 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:**

Large fire occurrence was reported yesterday afternoon in northwest Oklahoma with dry conditions in place. No assistance from the state was requested.

Unstable conditions, warm temperatures and dry fuels will promote elevated fire danger northwest of the I-44 corridor today. Areas of fog this morning should quickly give way to dry conditions ahead of storm chances edging in this evening as temperatures in this area will climb to 80°-86°, with afternoon relative humidity at 14-32% just ahead of the incoming system. Winds will be variable through the day generally transitioning from south to east around 10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph. The driest conditions will be in northwest Oklahoma, and afternoon storm chances may present problematic fire behavior if a fire occurs in the vicinity a developing storm.

On Wednesday, a dry line is expected to move into northwest Oklahoma. While this will usher in increased storm chances, fire weather will potentially approach or meet critical conditions ahead of the front in the Panhandle and northwestern Oklahoma as warm and dry conditions will be present with strong and gusty south winds. Elevated fire danger conditions may also be present in northern tier counties.

**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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