

Fire Situation Report – March 31, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/30/16 thru 03/31/16

- NE Area – 1 Fire Burned 10 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary)
- EC Area – No Activity
- SE Area – No Activity

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- Grassy Top Fire (Latimer County) – 600 Acres, 100% Contained
- Powder Mill Fire (Latimer County) – 315 Acres, 100% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

- Anderson Creek (Woods County and State of Kansas) – Freedom Fire Department and Woods County personnel have command of the incident. Patrol and mop-up operations continue as persistent fire danger continues in the area. Area burned is 367,620 acres (95% Contained) in Woods County (OK), Comanche County (KS), and Barber County (KS). 41 structures were lost in this fire including 16 residences.

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 03/30/16 thru 03/31/16

- No Reported Activity

*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: Fire danger is expected to persist across western Oklahoma for the next several days with no appreciable moisture in the forecast. Recent rainfall and ongoing green-up are beginning to moderate fire danger across sections of eastern Oklahoma.

The highest fire danger today will reside in western Oklahoma generally west of US Hwy.81, and with emphasis on northwestern counties. In this area, winds are expected to be much lighter than have been present over the past several days at 10-14 mph out of the north-northwest. Gusts of 20-25 mph this morning are expected to diminish into the afternoon hours. Relative humidity values will fall below 20% in some areas and range from 17-23% with fuel moisture near 5% across much of the area. Temperatures will generally range from 65°-70° with some outlying areas rising slightly above.

Eastern Oklahoma did receive rainfall yesterday with the highest amounts in far northeastern and southeastern Oklahoma. Continued rain chances and ongoing precipitation in the area will moderate fire danger over the next few days. Green-up is in progress; however timbered areas and tall-grass lands will remain viable given brief drying periods.

Resources:

- Fixed-Wing Tanker, Air-Attack and National Guard Rotor-Wing aircraft available.

Call the Incident Resource Hotline at (800) 800-2481 to request resources.

Harper, Cimarron and Texas 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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