

Fire Situation Report – April 1, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 003/31/15 thru 04/01/15

NE Area – 6 Fires Burned 1648 Acres (Cause: 3-Incendiary, 2-Escaped Debris, 1-Escaped Control Burn)

EC Area – 2 Fires Burned 1.1 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary, 1-Escaped Debris)

SE Area – 2 Fires Burned 15 Acres (Cause: 2-Incendiary)

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- Indian House (Cherokee County) – 275 acres, 100% Contained
- Pine Springs (Cherokee County) – 450 acres, 100% Contained
- Rocky Mountain (Cherokee County) – 900 acres, 100% Contained

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 03/31/15 thru 04/01/15

2 Fires Burned 100.5 Acres (Cause: 1-Escaped Debris, 1-Railroad) Tecumseh FD & Orlando FFA 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:

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for seven counties in northwest Oklahoma from 1:00 PM through 8:00 PM including: Cimarron, Texas, Harper, Woods, Ellis, Woodward, and Roger Mills Counties. South winds at 20-25 mph gusting to 35 mph combined with afternoon relative humidity values at 8-20% and temperatures 85°-90° will result in receptive fuels and potential for rapid rates of fire spread. In fine fuels, rate of spread has potential to exceed 300 ft./min.

Storms moved across Oklahoma yesterday evening and through the night delivering rainfall amounts of around 1.0" (locally higher amounts) to areas in central Oklahoma and some scattered parts of southwest Oklahoma. Other areas received minimal precipitation - not classified as a wetting rain. **Strong south winds will quickly dry fine fuels, especially in western Oklahoma and northern tier counties prompting elevated fire danger today as a dry line pushes into western Oklahoma. In counties northwest of the I-44 corridor and northeast counties in the vicinity of Hwy. 412, temperatures in the mid-80's and afternoon relative humidity settling into the 25-35% range will promote receptive fuels. South winds around 20 mph with gusts 25-30 mph will accelerate drying and enhance potential for rapid rates of fire spread.**

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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