

Fire Situation Report – October 2, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 10/01/15 thru 10/02/15

NE Area – No Activity

EC Area – No Activity

SE Area – No Activity

- Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area: **No Activity**
- Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:
2 Fires Burned 40 Acres (1-Incendiary, 1-Escaped Debris)
- OFS Prescribed Fire Activity:
2 Prescribed Fire Treating 90 Acres

* 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 10/01/15 thru 10/02/15

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:

The highest fire danger in Oklahoma today will reside in southeastern Oklahoma east of Hwy. 69 and south of Interstate 40 including Haskell, LeFlore, Latimer, Pushmataha and McCurtain counties as well as parts of the surrounding counties. Precipitation from the system that worked across parts of central Oklahoma did not materialize in far southeastern counties, and drought impacted fuels will be very dry this afternoon with relative humidity values around 25% in this area.

Temperatures are expected to be a bit cooler at 75°-79° in this area and winds should be steady out of the north-northeast today around 10 mph with gusts around 15 mph. Heavy fuels are extremely dry across the area and drought impacts combined with seasonality effects have decreased live fuel moisture in herbaceous fuels. Sheltering and shading in timber fuels continues to diminish fire behavior where canopy cover is present and absent of strong winds; however exposed fuels (pastures, meadows and old-fields) have potential to readily combust.

Elsewhere in Oklahoma, no threat of significant fire activity is expected today. Wetting rains covered parts of central Oklahoma yesterday and a line of showers is presently situated in far western Oklahoma. Moist fuels, sky cover and cooler temperatures will negate most fire danger indices today in areas outside of southeastern Oklahoma.

A similar scenario will play out through the weekend with elevated fire danger residing in southeastern Oklahoma. Dry fuels, warm temperatures and atmospheric conditions will enhance fire danger in the near-term, however winds are expected to continue to be relatively light keeping potential rates of fire spread in check.

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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