

# Fire Situation Report – October 13, 2015

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



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 10/12/15 thru 10/13/15

NE Area – 0 fires

EC Area – 0 fires

SE Area – 2 fires burned 9 acres (Causes: 2-Incendiary)

- Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:
- Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:
- OFS Prescribed Fire Activity:

No Activity  
No 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 10/12/15 thru 10/13/15

**Fire activity was noted in local news media and on social media sites. However, no activity was reported in the online wildfire reporting system.**

\*\* - 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:

No requests for assistance or reports of unusual fire activity were received yesterday.

**Enhanced fire danger will remain in place across Oklahoma today** with only modest humidity recovery overnight, warm temperatures, and further drying of fuels. Afternoon relative humidity values will yield critically low fine-dead fuel moisture in areas. Unlike yesterday winds are expected to be relatively light keeping Watch/Warning criteria from being met and offer improved opportunity for successful initial attack. Nonetheless, outdoor burning is discouraged today given the very dry fuels this afternoon.

**The highest fire danger today will be south of I-40 in western Oklahoma extending east of I-35 along the Red River counties into McCurtain County.** Relative humidity values in these areas are expected to fall below 15% prompting very dry, receptive fuels with fine-dead fuels potentially dipping below 5% fuel moisture. Temperatures, while cooler than yesterday, will be very warm at 85°-89°. Fortunately winds will primarily be less than 10 mph with only limited gust potential out of the southwest in western counties to northwest in our southeast counties. Rates of fire spread will be moderated by wind speed today; however local topographic influences may yield rapid fire growth in areas given drought impacted fuels.

The remainder of Oklahoma will be warm as well with temperatures 78°-85°, light winds and relative humidity values 20% west to 30% far northeast. Grasses are rapidly showing signs of seasonal drying that will be amplified by the dry weather forecast this week. Even though the highest fire danger lies along the southern tier of Oklahoma today, do not discount fire danger throughout the state today.

**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).**

