

Fire Situation Report – November 6, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 11/05/15 thru 11/06/15

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: 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 11/05/15 thru 11/06/15

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:

No significant fire activity anticipated today. Wetting to soaking rains occurred throughout much of the state yesterday providing fire danger relief expected to last through the weekend. Where wetting rains did not occur (generally west of a line from Mangum to Enid excluding the Panhandle), temperatures in the mid-60's, light winds and relative humidity values above 35% will alleviate much of the fire danger threat today.

Fine fuel moistures are not expected to dip much below 8% over the course of the weekend; however increased wind speeds will promote drying of fuels. Low to Moderate fire danger will be present through the weekend.

Another round of frost this morning in areas of northwest Oklahoma with a few patches of freezing temperatures are driving fuels into full dormancy. Morning frosts are potential across a good portion of western and northern Oklahoma on both Saturday and Sunday. The colder temperatures will push herbaceous fuels into dormancy and those fuels will react much more quickly to weather conditions as curing of fuels increases.

Special Note to Firefighters:

With frosts and freeze events occurring, herbaceous fuels will be pushed into dormancy allowing for increased fuel availability. The herbaceous fuels will not be drawing in soil moisture as they do in the growing season, and rains will soak the upper level of soil for greater period of time. Dormant fuels will support active fire behavior and moist soil increases the chances of getting fire equipment stuck. Remember to employ a few simple tactics to insure the safety and effectiveness of your firefighting operation:

1. Attack from the black.
2. Scout ahead of engine operations looking for hazards.
3. Communicate known hazards.

**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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