

Fire Situation Report – November 20, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 11/19/15 thru 11/20/15

NE Area – 0 fires

EC Area – 1 fire burned 2 acres (Cause: Debris Burning)

SE Area – 0 fires

- 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 11/19/15 thru 11/20/15

No fire activity reported on the on-line system during the reporting period.

** - 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 today will be seen in the counties bordering a line running from Ellis County to Alfalfa County. For a short time today in and near this area the lowest relative humidity will coincide with the highest average wind speeds and highest temperatures. Wildland fuels in this area are generally fully cured and available to burn. Expect any fire that starts this afternoon to burn intensely with moderate to rapid rates of spread. The highest rates of spread will be where winds and terrain align. Expect any fire that is burning prior to the frontal passage to switch directions of spread as the winds turn from the north-northwest.

A strong cold front followed by strong, gusty winds is forecast to cross the state tonight. Saturday's fire danger will be highest in the southwestern 1/4 of the state where strong winds will persist after sunrise. Relative humidity readings are expected to stay above 35% throughout the morning which will moderate fire behavior. In the afternoon, northerly winds from 15-20 mph with higher gusts will persist in this area with relative humidity expected to drop into the upper 20% to low 30% range. Expect any fire that starts to burn with moderate to rapid rates of spread.

On Sunday, fire danger will be high as dry air returns across the state. The relative humidity in the afternoon is expected to drop into the low to mid-20% range with light west to southwest winds forecast from 5-10 mph with higher gusts. A hard freeze is expected statewide which should complete the curing process on all warm season grasses.

If weather conditions for the weekend's forecast and indicate an increase in fire danger concerns, an updated Fire Situation Report will be distributed.

There are no Burn Bans currently in effect in Oklahoma. 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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