

Fire Situation Report – November 23, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 11/20/15 thru 11/23/15

NE Area – No Fire Activity
EC Area – No Fire Activity
SE Area – No Fire 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 11/20/15 thru 11/23/15

No Activity reported on the on-line 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:

Freeze events statewide have pushed herbaceous fuels into dormancy excluding only the heartiest of cool season plants, and leaf fall is relatively complete barring some of the oaks that hang on to their leaves. Dormant/cured fuels will now react quickly to ambient weather conditions with 1-hour fuels (grasses & leaf litter) readily available for active fire behavior given brief drying periods.

The highest fire danger today will be present this afternoon roughly west of a line from Woods County in the north to Tillman County in the south including the Panhandle and far western Oklahoma. Relative humidity values in this area will fall into the 22-29% range this afternoon between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM with southerly winds around 15 mph gusting to 20 mph along with temperatures in the in the mid-60°'s. Due to the cold start of the day, the peak burning period will be abbreviated offering opportunity for successful initial attack.

The remainder of Oklahoma will be dry today with warm afternoon temperatures around 60° and relative humidity settling to 30-36%; however winds will generally be less than 10 mph. Generally light winds and a short burning period this afternoon will offer reasonable opportunity for successful initial attack.

Warm dry conditions are expected across Oklahoma through Wednesday with next rain chances beginning Wednesday afternoon/evening ahead of another strong cold front arriving possibly on Thanksgiving.

**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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