

Fire Situation Report – March 29, 2017

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 03/27/17 thru 03/28/17

NE Area – No fires reported.
EC Area – No fires reported.
SE Area – No fires reported.

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

No new fires to report

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 Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

Sherwood Forest (Seminole)-Estimated at 2100 acres, cause under investigation, 90% contained.

Chupco Fire (Hughes) –Estimated at 3756 acres, cause under investigation, 100% contained.

Jackson Ranch (Creek)-Estimated at 8500 acres, cause under investigation, 100% contained.

Hargrove Fire (Creek)-Estimated at 3475 acres, cause under investigation, 100% contained.

Statewide Discussion:

Yesterday: Widespread and heavy rains across the entire area. Amounts from 1-2" with isolated areas up to 4". Extremely active lightning was recorded across the entire state.

Today: Rain continues to move west to east, tapering off in the west and increasing in the east.

Outlook: Clearing Thursday and low chances of precipitation on Friday. Friday will be clear and cooler with highs in the 60s and RH in the 40%. Winds may be gusty out of the east at 20mph. Saturday will be cooler with a 50% chance of thunderstorms over much of the state. Showers and thunderstorms remain likely through Tuesday.

Fuels Outlook: The Nation Interagency Fire Center has issued a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for the Central and Southern Great Plains. High fuel loading and drought has combined to create dangerous fire behavior conditions. Extreme fire behavior has been observed under moderate fire weather conditions and fires have shown resistance to control during critical fire weather events. Though extreme fire behavior has been observed during moderate weather conditions, the expected change to a wetter atmospheric pattern and the anticipated encroachment of green-up has the potential to diminish this condition rapidly.

The current rain events will rapidly increase green up of the grasses and should reduce initial attack and spread rates. Heavy fuels still remain available for combustion.

https://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/fuels_fire-danger/fuels_advisories.htm

Safety Message:

30/30 rule

If you see lightning and hear the thunderclaps follow in less than 30 seconds, take storm precautions. Do not resume work in exposed areas for 30 minutes after storm activity has passed.

Resources: To request assistance, call the Resource Hotline (800) 800-2481

- OFS Engine/Dozer Task Forces on stand-by
- National Guard Helicopter available, but limited
- County Wildland Task Force Resources should assess availability for mobilization
- Air Attack located at Guthrie, Bartlesville, Ardmore
- Super Scooper Airtankers (CL-415) located at Burns Flat
- Heavy Lift Helicopters located at Stillwater, Guthrie and Ardmore

Numerous County Burn Bans are in effect. 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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