



Fire Situation Report – April 18, 2025

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry



OFS STATISTICS for April 17, 2025 / OFS Preparedness Level: **1** – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5

NE Area – 1 Fire Burned 25 Acres (Cause: 1-Escaped Control Burn)
EC Area – 1 Fire Burned 7 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary)
SE Area – 1 Fire Burned 40 Acres (Cause: 1-Incendiary)

Ongoing Large / Significant Fire Activity within the OFS Protection Area:

- Buck Creek Fire (Pushmataha County) – 542 Acres / 90% Contained
- Picker Flats Fire (Adair County) – 786 Acres / 90% Contained

Fire Activity with OFS Response Outside of the Protection Area: **No New Activity**

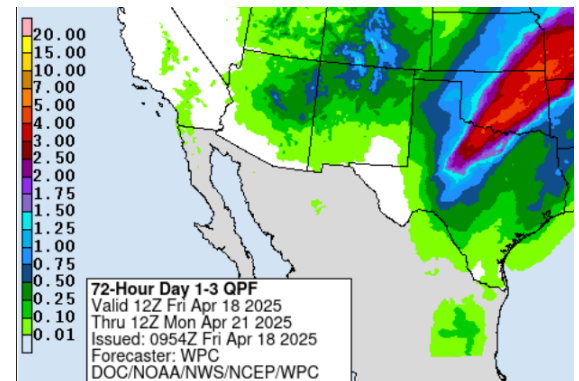
OFS Prescribed Fire Activity: **No New Activity**

Fire Department Activity: **Light Initial Attack (2 Fires Burned 25 Acres)** Source: OFS Fire Department Wildfire Reporting Tool

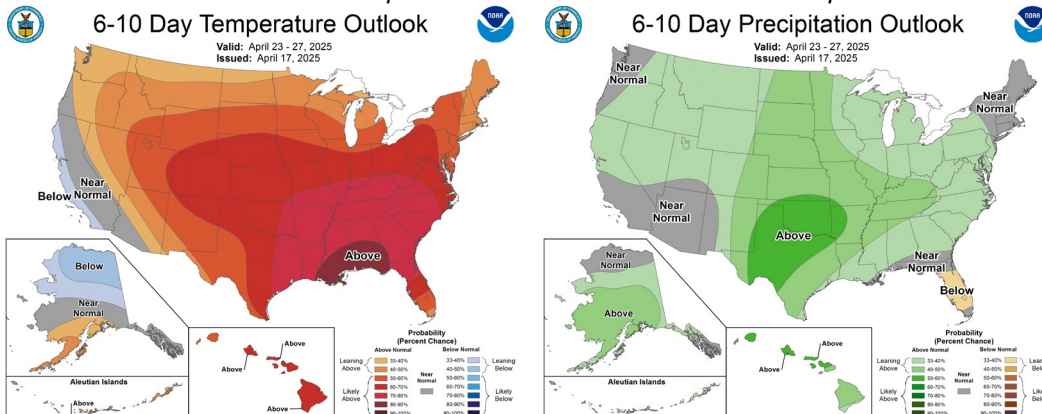
Statewide Discussion: Fortunately, wildfire activity in the Warned Area yesterday, and across the state for that matter, did not produce any significant fire occurrence. A welcome pattern shift offering good rainfall potential throughout the weekend is in the forecast although this will be accompanied by some severe potential as well. This will offer notably reduced fire danger this weekend. Rainfall this weekend is forecasted to be reinforced with another period of rain/storms midweek with statewide potential to build in wetting amounts. Given the reduced fire danger and reduction in wildfire activity, we will temporarily suspend issuance of the Oklahoma Forestry Wildfire Situation Report until fire danger and/or fire occurrence merits.

Today: A cold front has entered northwest Oklahoma and is expected to stall offering cooler temperatures northwest while much of the state returns to the 80's later today. Cloud cover and higher relative humidity values will limit fine-dead fuel moisture from dipping into the concerning values and reduced windspeeds will throttle back fire spread potential. Should wildfires occur today, initial attack efforts are expected to prove successful. Rain/storm chances increase this afternoon and evening with rain likely for most of the state tonight.

Outlook: As rain chances improve this afternoon and overnight, widespread wetting rainfall is expected to occur this weekend. The Days1-3 Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (right) points to nearly statewide wetting amounts through the weekend noting that some flooding may occur in south-central and eastern regions of Oklahoma. Given soil temperature and seasonality, the growing season will be further boosted in the southern, central and eastern counties and much of the northwest is expected to see enough moisture to support improvement in live fuel moisture. A quick glance at the 7-Day QPF hold promise of further moisture improvement, and maybe some drought improvement with another rain-storm system midweek.



The 6-10 Day Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks support vigorous growing conditions with above normal temperature and above normal rainfall expected.



County Burn Bans: Click [HERE](#) for current burn ban information.

