Fire Situation Report – May 16, 2022
Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

OFS STATISTICS for May 10-15, 2021
OFS Preparedness Level: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

NE Area – No New Activity
EC Area – No New Activity
SE Area – No New Activity

Large / Significant Fire Activity within the OFS Protection Area: No New Activity
Fire Activity with OFS Response outside of the Protection Area: No New Activity
OFS Prescribed Fire Activity: No New Activity

Fire Department Statistics: Light Initial Attack Activity

Statewide Discussion: The week ahead will hold a mix of storm potential and fire weather. Along and south of I-44 live fuel moisture and canopy cover are sufficient to limit troublesome fire occurrence and initial attack efforts are expected to be successful for some time into the future. The west, however, varies in transitional progress. Some areas (OK Panhandle) have yet to receive a wetting rainfall while others have received good amounts but in short duration resulting in excessive runoff. The Relative Greenness map for the week ending May 15 paints an accurate picture of the current state of the fuels related to green up. Storm chances are in the mix for western Oklahoma early in the week noting that area wide wetting is not expected.

For the week ahead, fire danger focus remains in the western one-third of Oklahoma. While significant fire potential is very limited, initial attack activity remains likely and larger fire occurrence (+300 acres) cannot be ruled out especially in the western two-thirds of the Oklahoma Panhandle where the separation from wetting rains is 217+ days. Fire weather builds back in midweek as temperatures push back above normal and dry air overspreads western Oklahoma. Fortunately, winds are within the normal range for Oklahoma in large part which will limit fire spread potential to less than 200 ft/min in most cases.

Next update to the Oklahoma Wildfire Situation Report is planned for 05/23/2022 unless otherwise warranted.

Burn Bans:
Refer to: https://ag.ok.gov/divisions/forestry-services/ for the most current burn ban information and links to specific burn ban proclamations.