

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2012

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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS

	01/22/12 10:50 CST		0	High Wind (MAX 58 kt)
	01/22/12 14:38 CST		0	

The surface and mid level pressure gradient tightened up in response to an approaching upper level trough west of the Oklahoma Panhandle and a strong cold front which pushed through the Oklahoma Panhandle during the morning hours. As a result, west and northwest non-thunderstorm gradient winds increased by the late morning and afternoon hours across the western and central Oklahoma Panhandle. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	01/21/12 16:30 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/22/12 18:00 CST		0	

The Chicken Creek Wildfire began approximately 1630CST about thirteen miles south southwest of Lake Meredith or eighteen miles north of Amarillo in northeastern Potter county. The wildfire began on the extreme southern end of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area in the Rosita off-road vehicle area; the wildfire spread north toward southeastern Moore county and extreme southwestern Hutchinson county. The Texas Forest Service and the National Park Service reported that the wildfire consumed a measured two thousand two hundred and twenty-three acres using global positioning system equipment. It was determined that two thousand one hundred and two acres were consumed on National Park Service land and one hundred and twenty-one acres were consumed on private land. There were no damages or injuries reported, however the wildfire did threaten an oil field and cattle. There were also no structures threatened and there were no evacuations. The wildfire was contained around 1800CST on January 22 after a rekindle of the fire occurred on Sunday. The National Park Service, Potter County Fire Department, Borger Fire Department, Global Frontline Solutions, and the Texas Forest Service out of Lubbock responded to the wildfire. The wildfire is believed to have been human-caused and investigations are continuing.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z011) OLDHAM, (TX-Z012) POTTER, (TX-Z013) CARSON, (TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z015) WHEELER, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH, (TX-Z017) RANDALL, (TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG, (TX-Z019) DONLEY, (TX-Z020) COLLINGSWORTH

	01/22/12 09:57 CST		50K	High Wind (MAX 67 kt)
	01/22/12 15:40 CST		0	

The surface and mid level pressure gradient tightened up in response to an approaching upper level trough west of the Texas Panhandle and a strong cold front which pushed through the Texas Panhandle during the morning hours. As a result, west and northwest non-thunderstorm gradient winds increased by the late morning and afternoon hours across all but the northeast Texas Panhandle. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities, however damage was reported across the south central Texas Panhandle.

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Strong non-thunderstorm gradient winds caused damage to signs, sheds, and buildings throughout the city of Amarillo Texas. Photo courtesy of the Amarillo Globe-News.