Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - February 2016

Location Date/Time Deaths & Property & Event Type and Details Injuries Crop Dmg

TEXAS, North Panhandle

The 3260 Wreck grass fire began around 1330CST around nine miles west southwest of Lipscomb Texas in Lipscomb county. The grass fire occurred less than a mile south of the intersection of Farm to Market Road 3260 and Farm to Market Road 1920 and was caused by sparks from a vehicle or vehicles, possibly due to a motor vehicle accident. The wildfire consumed an estimated one thousand acres and one home was reported to be threatened but was saved by fire fighters. There were no reports of any homes or other structures being damaged or lost and there were no reports of injuries or fatalities from the grass fire. A total of ten fire departments and other fire agencies responded to the wildfire which was contained between 1730CST and 1800CST.

The FM998 wildfire began about eight miles west southwest of Hartley Texas in Hartley county about a half mile north of Farm to Market Road 998. The wildfire began around 1330CST and consumed approximately three thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven acres. There were two Texas A&M Forest Service task forces that responded to the wildfire and there were eighty-five homes threatened by the wildfire, however no homes or other structures were damaged or lost. There were some evacuations of homes which did take place initially but those people that were evacuated did return home. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of six fire departments and other fire agencies responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The wildfire was contained around 1900CST.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

The Estates Wildfire began just west of the Bishop Hills subdivision just off of Farm to Market Road 1061 or Tascosa Road between Loop 335 and Farm to Market Road 2381 about a half mile west of Ranch View Drive which is about seven miles northeast of Bushland Texas in Potter county. The wildfire began approximately 1300CST and the wildfire consumed an estimated one thousand six hundred acres. There were four single engine air tankers, two from Abilene and two from Amarillo, that dropped retardant to suppress the flames. There was a fifth aircraft which supervised the four aircrafts as they battled the wildfire. The wildfire threatened homes and other structures in the Tierra Grande and Tascosa Hills area but those homes were saved. There were no reports of homes or other structures damaged or destroyed and there were also no reports of injuries or fatalities. The Texas Department of Transportation blocked off Farm to Market Road 1061 in two areas and southbound traffic was stopped at Farm to Market Road 2381 and northbound traffic was stopped at Loop 335 while crews work to contain the fire. Voluntary evacuations were started by the Amarillo/Potter/Randall Office of Emergency Management for residents in the Tierra Grande area. Fire departments and other fire agencies that responded to the wildfire included those from Amarillo, Canyon, Potter and Randall counties and also the Texas A&M Forest Service and the National Park Service at Lake Meredith. The wildfire was contained as of 0100CST Sunday morning of February 14.

The Triangle Fire wildfire began around 1530CST about three miles northwest of Sanford Texas in Hutchinson county. The wildfire consumed a measured two hundred and ninety-eight acres and was determined to be caused by a trailer that became disconnected from the hitch. A total of seven homes and eight other structures were threatened by the wildfire but were saved, however three structures were lost. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of six fire departments and other fire agencies including the Texas A&M Forest Service responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was finally contained around 2130CST.

(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON

02/22/16 12:05 CST 0 Wildfire

02/22/16 16:30 CST 0

The Gina 5 wildfire began around 1205CST about seven miles north northwest of Sanford Texas in Hutchinson county. The wildfire consumed approximately seven hundred acres and was determined to be caused by a cutting torch. There were no homes or other structures threatened and no homes or other structures were damaged or destroyed. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of seven fire departments or other fire agencies responded to the wildfire which was contained between 1600 to 1630CST.

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