

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - March 2016

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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z001) CIMARRON, (OK-Z002) TEXAS, (OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/23/16 07:30 CST		0	High Wind (MAX 52 kt)
	03/23/16 21:00 CST		0	

Early in the morning of Wednesday March 23rd, strong winds developed over the Oklahoma Panhandle. Sustained southwest winds of around 40 to 45 mph were common with gusts as high as 61 mph.

(OK-Z003) BEAVER

	03/25/16 13:24 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/25/16 19:00 CST		0	

The Clark/Meade Wildfire began around 1324CST about nine miles north northeast of Knowles Oklahoma in Beaver county. The wildfire consumed approximately one thousand and three hundred acres. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be an incendiary device. There were no reports of homes or other structures threatened and there were no reports of any homes or other structures damaged or destroyed by the wildfire. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of two fire departments or other fire agencies responded to the wildfire which was contained around 1830CST to 1900CST.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	03/22/16 15:56 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/22/16 21:00 CST	1	0	

The 592 and CR 19 Wildfire began around 1556CST approximately two miles east northeast of Twitty Texas in Wheeler county. The wildfire consumed an estimated four hundred acres. There were no reports of damages but there was a report of one injury and one near miss. There were a total of four fire departments and other agencies that responded to the wildfire which was contained around 2100CST.

(TX-Z001) DALLAM, (TX-Z002) SHERMAN, (TX-Z003) HANSFORD, (TX-Z004) OCHILTREE, (TX-Z005) LIPSCOMB, (TX-Z006) HARTLEY, (TX-Z007) MOORE, (TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON, (TX-Z009) ROBERTS, (TX-Z010) HEMPHILL, (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

	03/23/16 08:00 CST		0	High Wind (MAX 60 kt)
	03/23/16 21:00 CST		0	

Early in the morning of Wednesday March 23rd, strong winds developed over the Texas Panhandle. Sustained southwest winds of around 40 to 45 mph were common with gusts as high as 69 mph.

(TX-Z017) RANDALL

	03/23/16 10:31 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/23/16 16:30 CST		0	

The Tara Road Wildfire began around 1031CST about one mile northwest of Timbercreek Canyon Texas in Randall county. The wildfire consumed three acres, however one home was destroyed and three homes were threatened. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. The wildfire was contained by 1630CST.

(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON

	03/23/16 10:38 CST		0	Wildfire
	03/25/16 11:00 CST		0	

The Crutch Complex Wildfire is actually two wildfires that became one wildfire complex. The first and largest wildfire from the complex was the Crutch Wildfire which began around 1038CST approximately seven miles northwest of Skellytown Texas in Hutchinson county. The wildfire consumed forty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-six acres in Carson, Hutchinson, Roberts and Gray counties. There were two abandoned homes and two other structures which were destroyed. Another three homes and one other structure were saved. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities however there were four near misses. There were two Texas Forest Service task forces, fire supervisors, and two single engine air tankers or SEATs that were assigned to this wildfire. An additional two task forces arrived later to relieve the Texas Forest Service resources that worked through the night on this wildfire. The cause of this

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wildfire was downed power lines. There were a total of ten fire departments or other fire agencies including the Texas Forest Service that responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was finally contained by 1100CST on March 25.

The second wildfire was the Arrington Wildfire which began in Gray county about six miles northwest of Pampa Texas and consumed ten acres before becoming absorbed into the Crutch Wildfire. There were no reports of damages, injuries or fatalities from this wildfire.

(TX-Z018) ARMSTRONG

	03/23/16 10:55 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/23/16 15:00 CST	0	

The Goodnight Fire began around 1055CST about one mile west of Goodnight Texas in Armstrong county. The wildfire was caused by downed power lines and consumed an estimated sixty acres. There were ten homes and businesses along with two other structures that were threatened by the wildfire but were saved and there were no homes or other structures that were damaged or destroyed. However, there were two vehicles destroyed by the wildfire. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities however there were three near misses reported. The wildfire crossed the railroad tracks at Farm to Market Road 294 and the fire was heading directly toward the town of Goodnight Texas. The wildfire did cause US Highway 287 to be closed down. Mutual aid was not readily available due to multiple other larger fires in the area. It was reported that one tractor trailer and one car were destroyed by the wildfire. A total of three fire departments and other fire agencies responded to the wildfire which was contained around 1500CST.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	03/23/16 11:02 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/25/16 08:00 CST	0	

The I-40 Wildfire began around 1102CST about seven miles west of Lela Texas in Wheeler county. The wildfire consumed fifteen thousand one hundred and seventy-four acres and was caused by downed power lines. There were reported to be twenty-five homes and five other structures that were saved, however five homes and fifteen other structures were destroyed by the wildfire. There were fifteen near misses but no injuries or fatalities were reported. One Texas Forest Service task force and fire supervisors were assigned to this wildfire with an additional task force arriving later. There were a total of sixteen fire departments and other fire agencies including the Texas Forest Service that responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was finally contained approximately 0800CST on March 25.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	03/23/16 11:40 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/23/16 20:00 CST	0	

The Moore Wildfire began around 1140CST about three miles northeast of Gageby Texas in Wheeler county. There was a report that ten homes were threatened by the wildfire but were saved, however there were no reports of damages. There were also no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of six fire departments or other fire agencies responded to the wildfire which consumed two thousand one hundred and sixty acres. The wildfire was contained by 2000CST.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	03/23/16 11:40 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/23/16 20:00 CST	0	

The 22-2016 Wildfire began around 1140CST about four miles northeast of Gageby Texas in Wheeler county. The wildfire consumed an estimated nine hundred and fifty acres. There were ten homes or other structures which were threatened by the wildfire but were saved. There were no homes or other structures damaged or destroyed by the wildfire and there were no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of five fire departments or other fire agencies responded to the wildfire which was contained around 2000CST.

(TX-Z017) RANDALL

	03/28/16 12:15 CST	0	Wildfire
	03/28/16 17:00 CST	0	

The Jowell Road & Farm to Market Road 1705 Wildfire began around 1215CST about twelve miles south southeast of Canyon Texas in Randall county. The wildfire was caused by downed power lines and consumed four hundred and eight acres. There were no homes or other structures threatened and no homes or other structures were damaged or destroyed. There were also no reports of injuries or fatalities. A total of two fire departments or other fire agencies responded to the wildfire including the Texas A&M Forest Service. The wildfire was contained between 1600CST and 1700CST.