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Arkansas Wildfires Burn 1,805 Acres During Holiday Weekend: Elevated Wildfire Danger Continues Through the Week

LITTLE ROCK, AR – From Thursday – Sunday, the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s Forestry Commission (AFC) suppressed 103 wildfires that burned 1,805 acres. 59 Arkansas counties are now under high wildfire danger. Current drought conditions and weather forecasts for low humidity and gusty winds create elevated wildfire danger across Arkansas through this week.

Governor Asa Hutchinson joins State Forester Joe Fox in strongly encouraging residents to avoid outdoor burning until the wildfire danger conditions subside. **Arkansas residents can report wildfires to the AFC Dispatch Center by calling 1-800-468-8834**

AFC data reflects wildfires on privately owned land and does not include state or federal lands such as State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. U.S. Forest Service crews are responding to wildfires currently burning within Arkansas’s National Forests in Perry and Johnson Counties, which may create smoke throughout the central Arkansas area today and tomorrow. Contact Tracy Farley at the U.S. Forest Service with questions about wildfires at tfarley@fs.fed.us.

Arkansas currently has 29 active Burn Bans (which are declared by County Judges) in the following counties: Ashley, Bradley, Boone, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Conway, Drew, Faulkner, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Independence, Jefferson, Lonoke, Madison, Montgomery, Ouachita, Perry, Polk, Pulaski, Saline, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, and Yell.

Thus far in November, 196 wildfires have burned 3,106 acres. Thus far in 2017, 1,288 wildfires having burned 22, 849 acres. The most recent high wildfire year in Arkansas was 2012, when 2,148 wildfires burned 34,434 acres. More than 120 AFC Rangers, Foresters and support personnel including Dispatchers and Pilots responded to wildfires during the holiday weekend. All crews remain on high alert. Residents can stay updated on county Burn Bans and Wildfire Danger at: www.arkfireinfo.org. Find a complete list of burning safety tips, [here](#).

The Arkansas Forestry Commission is an agency of the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Learn more at aad.arkansas.gov.

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