

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - February 2008

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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z003) BEAVER

	02/13/08 11:00 CST	0	0	Wildfire
	02/13/08 20:00 CST	0	0	

A wildfire located about six miles south of Gate Oklahoma burned approximately four hundred acres. The wildfire started around 1100 CST and no injuries or damage were reported.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z007) MOORE

	02/05/08 11:30 CST	2	15.20K	Winter Weather
	02/05/08 12:00 CST	5	0	

One inch of snow with strong winds of twenty-five to thirty miles an hour with gusts to near forty miles an hour contributed to a rollover of a van on U.S. Highway 287 just south of Cactus in Moore County. Two women were killed in the accident and five other passengers were injured.

Direct Fatalities: FVE

(TX-Z020) COLLINGSWORTH

	02/01/08 19:00 CST	0	0	Wildfire
	02/02/08 06:00 CST	0	0	

A large wildfire started approximately 1900 CST just east of U.S. Highway 83 and between County Road E5 and County Road H...or about three and a half miles northeast of Samnorwood Texas in northeastern Collingsworth County. The wildfire burned about a thousand acres and flared back up the next day. Ten hours were needed to completely contain the wildfire...however no homes or other structures were damaged or lost and no injuries were reported. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be arson.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	02/02/08 15:30 CST	0	0	Wildfire
	02/02/08 23:30 CST	0	0	

A wildfire burned approximately three hundred acres and started about three miles east southeast of McLean around 1530 CST. The wildfire began just south of the intersection of Interstate 40 and County Road 1...or in extreme southwestern Wheeler County between County Line Road and Farm to Market Road 1442...which is also called County Road 2...just south of Interstate 40. Two homes and five other structures were saved and there were no damage or injuries reported. The wildfire was contained around 2330 CST...and the cause was determined to be from the use of welding equipment.

(TX-Z017) RANDALL

	02/20/08 10:00 CST	0	0	Wildfire
	02/20/08 18:00 CST	0	0	

A wildfire burned approximately two thousand and four hundred acres about two miles southwest of the Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Randall County...or just south of Westline Road near the Randall and Deaf Smith County line. The wildfire started around 1000 CST and was contained around 1800 CST. Four fire departments and also the Texas Forest Service responded to this wildfire. No homes or other structures were damaged or lost and no injuries were reported. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be an escaped control burn of the refuge.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	02/13/08 14:00 CST	0	0.19M	Wildfire
	02/13/08 22:00 CST	0	0	

At least four wildfires occurred in Potter County just north of Amarillo. The largest wildfire started three miles west northwest of Amarillo around 1400 CST west of the intersection of NW 11th Avenue and N Fairmont Street...and just northwest of the intersection of Prospect Street and NW 10th Avenue. This wildfire was later contained near Broadway Drive and St. Francis Avenue around 2100 CST. Immediate evacuations were ordered for the area north of Hastings Avenue...east of Broadway Drive...and south of St. Francis Avenue. About ten to eleven fire departments responded to the wildfire and about eighty firefighters and Texas Forest Service heavy air tankers

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were used to help contain the wildfire. No injuries were reported. One home and one outbuilding was destroyed. However...one hundred and six homes were saved along with one hundred and thirty-seven other structures. The fire also destroyed fencing. Arson was determined as the cause of the wildfire...which burned approximately one thousand five hundred acres.

A second wildfire began about seven miles north of Amarillo around 1500 CST north of the intersection of Bluebonnet Street and Mobley Street. Although the wildfire burned only around two acres...one mobile home was burned completely to the ground. However...no injuries were reported. Arson was the cause of the wildfire...which was contained by 1600 CST.

A third wildfire started about five miles north of Amarillo around 1545 CST just north of East St. Francis Avenue and just east of Pavillard Drive. The wildfire burned approximately one thousand and two hundred acres. However...no homes or other structures were damaged or lost...and no injuries were reported. Arson was determined to be the cause of the wildfire. Ten fire departments and also the Texas Forest Service responded to the wildfire...which was reported to be contained by 2200 CST.

A fourth wildfire began about four miles northeast of Amarillo around 1630 CST near the intersection of State Highway 136 and Eastern Street. Although the wildfire burned less than one acre...two mobile homes at a sales lot near State Highway 136 and Eastern Street received minor damage. No injuries were reported. The wildfire was contained around 1700 CST...and the cause of the wildfire was determined to be arson.