

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2009

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OKLAHOMA, Panhandle

(OK-Z002) TEXAS

	01/19/09 15:48 CST		20K	Wildfire
	01/19/09 23:00 CST	1	0	

A wildfire occurred just off U.S. Highway 54 about five miles southwest of Guymon around 1548 CST. The wildfire was caused by a hay truck which had caught fire and the high winds drove the fire directly toward homes and other property. An estimated three hundred and fifty acres were consumed by the wildfire. The driver of the hay truck received burn injuries to his hands and arms. The truck...trailer...and stacks of hay were destroyed and several abandoned vehicles in the path of the wildfire were damaged. There was also damage to the roadway due to the direct and lasting fire from the truck and trailer. Several homes and other structures were threatened...but saved. The wildfire was finally extinguished around 2300 CST. Assisting the Guymon Fire Department were the Goodwell Fire Department...the Texhoma Fire Department...Texas County Fire #2...the Texas County Emergency Management...the Oklahoma Highway Patrol...the Texas County Sheriff's Office...and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

(OK-Z003) BEAVER

	01/23/09 11:30 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/23/09 14:00 CST		0	

A large wildfire was reported around 1130 CST about three miles west of Knowles...one and a half miles south of U.S. Highway 64. The wildfire may have started by a pumpjack backfiring. No structural damage or injuries were reported. The wildfire was contained by 1400 CST and an estimated six hundred acres burned.

TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z010) HEMPHILL

	01/05/09 13:58 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/05/09 20:00 CST		0	

A large wildfire began around 1358 CST in northwestern Hemphill County approximately ten and a half miles north northwest of the Canadian Hemphill County Airport. The wildfire consumed an estimated seven hundred acres and may have started from some hot breaks on a frac tank just north and east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 83 and County Road 3 in northwestern Hemphill County. No injuries were reported. Although no structural damage was reported...one home and another structure were saved. A total of five fire departments responded to the wildfire.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

	01/12/09 13:30 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/12/09 17:30 CST		0	

The Shelton Wildfire began around 1330 CST about one mile east of New Mobeetie in northwest Wheeler County...or just south of Farm to Market Road 1046. The wildfire burned an estimated seven hundred acres and was determined to have been caused by vehicles on the dry grasses. Although no structural damage was reported...three homes and one other structure were saved. No injuries were reported. The wildfire was contained approximately 1730 CST and a total of fourteen fire departments responded to the wildfire.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

	01/17/09 13:45 CST		55K	Wildfire
	01/17/09 18:45 CST		0	

A wildfire started about five miles northeast of Bushland and spread southward...just north of the intersection of West Mile View Drive and Mile View Drive...and just south of Tascosa Road. The wildfire started around 1345 CST and burned about one hundred acres. Although no injuries were reported...the wildfire destroyed three sheds and one horse barn...and also scorched the porch of one home. There were about thirty Potter County firefighters who responded to the wildfire which was contained by 1500 CST. The firefighters then left the scene about 1845 CST.

(TX-Z008) HUTCHINSON

	01/19/09 10:43 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/19/09 17:00 CST		0	

The East Broadway Wildfire began around 1043 CST about two miles east northeast of Stinnett. The wildfire began just off the roadway

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along Farm to Market Road 1526 and consumed seven hundred and forty acres. The cause of the wildfire was still under investigation by the Hutchinson County Fire Marshal's Office. A radar site for the Hutchinson County Airport was threatened...however firefighters were able to save it. Although there were no reports of injuries or fatalities...there was a report of one near miss. A total of five to seven fire departments responded to the wildfire. The wildfire was contained approximately 1700 CST.

(TX-Z013) CARSON

01/19/09 19:15 CST	0	Wildfire
01/19/09 23:30 CST	0	

The Caldin Wildfire started approximately 1915 CST about six miles southeast of White Deer in eastern Carson County. The wildfire occurred just east of the intersection of County Road 13 and County Road CC and was reportedly caused by friction from cattle rubbing on a pole. The wildfire burned an estimated three hundred and twenty acres. There were no structural damage or injuries were reported. The wildfire was contained by 2330 CST and a total of four fire departments responded to the wildfire.

(TX-Z013) CARSON

01/31/09 12:37 CST	0	Wildfire
01/31/09 23:59 CST	0	

The Carson County Wildfire...but later re-named the Tri-County Wildfire...started off Texas State Highway 152 about four miles east southeast of Skellytown at approximately 1237 CST. There were no reports of injuries or structural damage...however several Hoover residents voluntarily left their homes. Two to three homes and two other structures were threatened by the wildfire...but firefighters were able to save them. The wildfire was estimated to be ten miles long by one mile wide and consumed an estimated sixty-four hundred acres in parts of Carson...Hutchinson...and Gray counties. The wildfire was stopped at the Gray county and Roberts county line before the wildfire could cross into Roberts county. The Texas Forest Service reported the wildfire to be contained as of 1800 CST on the following day. A total of ten to fifteen fire departments...along with the Texas Forest Service...responded to the wildfire. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be from faulty electric lines.



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The Tri-County Wildfire began around 1237 CST on January 31 and was contained as of 1800 CST on February 1. The wildfire burned an estimated sixty-four hundred acres in three counties. No structural damage or injuries were reported...however two to three homes and two other structures were threatened. This photo is courtesy of the Amarillo Globe-News.

(TX-Z012) POTTER

01/31/09 16:00 CST	0	Wildfire
01/31/09 23:00 CST	0	

A large wildfire began around 1600 CST about sixteen miles northwest of Amarillo north of the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2381 and Farm to Market Road 1061. The wildfire burned an estimated one thousand acres...however no structural damage or injuries were reported. The wildfire was reported to be under control by 2300 CST.



Wildfire north of the intersection of Tascosa Road and and Farm to Market Road 2381 about sixteen miles northwest of Amarillo Texas. No structural damage or injuries were reported. Wildfire began around 1600 CST and was reportedly under control by 2300 CST. Photo courtesy of the Amarillo Globe-News.