



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2006

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

OKLAHOMA, Western, Central and Southeast

OKZ004>048-050>052 Harper - Woods - Alfalfa - Grant - Kay - Ellis - Woodward - Major - Garfield - Noble - Roger Mills - Dewey - Custer - Blaine - Kingfisher - Logan - Payne - Beckham - Washita - Caddo - Canadian - Oklahoma - Lincoln - Grady - McClain - Cleveland - Pottawatomie - Seminole - Hughes - Harmon - Greer - Kiowa - Jackson - Tillman - Comanche - Stephens - Garvin - Murray - Pontotoc - Coal - Cotton - Jefferson - Carter - Johnston - Atoka - Love - Marshall - Bryan

01	0000CST				0	0	25K	500K	Drought
28	2359CST								

Drought conditions continued throughout the month of February. The severe to exceptional drought conditions (D2-D4) ranged from D2 in northwest portions to D4 in southeast parts of the area. However, the exceptional (D4) drought area had diminished slightly across southeast Oklahoma due to some rainfall, but the extreme (D3) drought area had expanded further northwest across the area. The drought conditions continued to exacerbate the wildfire conditions across the area. Numerous wildfires occurred throughout the month burning more than 50,000 acres. On February 12 around 15:30 CST, a grass fire just north of Pauls Valley caused the southbound lanes of Interstate 35 to be closed and traffic diverted. The interstate was reopened around 18:00 CST. Several fires also occurred across the area on February 27. One fire near Woodward, OK threatened an iodine plant. The fire burned approximately 1,200 acres. Another fire near McLoud in northwestern Pottawatomie county destroyed an unoccupied mobile home. A fire in east Noble in Cleveland county threatened many homes and businesses. A nursing home and day care were immediately evacuated as a precaution. This fire burned at least 50 large round hay bales and caused power outages in the area due to damaged power lines.

The scorched land and dry conditions were continuing to affect farmers and ranchers due to low or dry farm ponds and burned pasture and hay.

OKZ038 Comanche

16	2015CST				0	0			High Wind (MG54)
	2115CST								

The Oklahoma mesonet site three miles west of Medicine Park measured several wind gusts above 50 knots (58mph). The strongest gust measured was 54 knots (62 mph) at 20:15 and 20:45 CST.

OKZ018>020-024>030-040 Kingfisher - Logan - Payne - Canadian - Oklahoma - Lincoln - Grady - McClain - Cleveland - Pottawatomie - Garvin

17	1830CST				0	0			Winter Weather
19	1800CST								

Freezing rain and sleet caused roadways to become slick and hazardous, especially the bridges and overpasses, Friday evening. Temperatures remaining well below freezing caused the dangerous road conditions to continue throughout the holiday weekend. However, the greatest impact on the area occurred Friday evening. Roads become slick during the tail end of rush hour traffic, with over 1500 calls coming into Oklahoma City 911 during the first few hours. More than twenty injury (indirect) accidents were reported Friday night with numerous other accidents occurring across the city. An accident involving a semi brought traffic to a stand still for more than an hour on Interstate 40 near the Interstate 35 interchange. Local ambulances were working continuously Friday evening. On Saturday a tour bus rolled over on Interstate 35 near Pauls Valley in Garvin county when the driver tried to brake suddenly on the slick roadway. A 28 year old woman and 8 year old boy were killed (indirect) when they were trapped under the bus and several were injured (indirect) in the accident. With temperatures remaining below freezing and another round of wintry precipitation occurring Saturday into Sunday, roadways were slow to improve causing the cancellation of many activities and the closings of many businesses and churches across portions of central Oklahoma. Numerous accidents were reported across the area, not just in the Oklahoma City metro.



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TEXAS, Western North

TXZ083>090

Hardeman - Foard - Wilbarger - Wichita - Knox - Baylor - Archer - Clay

01	0000CST	0	0	Drought
28	2359CST			

Drought conditions continued across western north Texas throughout the month of February. Mainly extreme (D3) drought conditions were reported across the area. The dry conditions continued to exacerbate already difficult fire weather conditions, with wildfires in parts of the area. The drought was also affecting ranchers and farmers whose farm ponds for the animals were low or dry and pasture grass was less than ideal for feeding large numbers of livestock