Morton County, Kansas / Cimarron National Grassland

Wilburton Fire Fact Sheet **Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at 5pm**

Reported:	7:20pm Tuesday, April 5th
Cause:	Under investigation
Location:	Started near county road J ~ 2 miles North of Wilburton, KS. The fire eventually burned into the town of Wilburton
Size:	Currently estimated at 700 acres
Management:	Unified command with Morton County and US Forest Service
Containment:	95%
Jurisdiction:	The fire is 40% on private and 60 % on US Forest Service
Fuels:	The fire is located in grass, sand sage and agricultural lands
Resources:	The initial response consisted of Morton County Volunteer Fire Department brush trucks and water tenders from Elkhart, Rolla and Richfield. Local businesses and individuals also responded with tractors, discs and road graders. Multiple local residents also responded with water trucks. Morton County EMS, law enforcement and the Yarborough Volunteer Fire Department from Texas County, OK also responded. Morton County brush trucks and US Forest Service fire engines remain on scene
Damages:	Private: 1 residence and 7 outbuildings are confirmed lost National Grasslands: Fence lines and range infrastructure have been damaged
Current Actions:	Continue to secure containment lines and mop up as needed Obtain accurate mapping of the fire perimeter Assess impacts to the private infrastructure and National Grassland Develop rehabilitation plans as needed
Remarks:	As with most fires, the cooperation of fire response resources is critical to the successful containment of this fire As southwestern Kansas remains in moderate drought conditions, area officials want to remind residents and visitors to use caution with anything that can cause fires

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