

# Morton County, Kansas / Cimarron National Grassland

**Wilburton Fire Fact Sheet**      Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5pm

## Final Update

**Reported:** 7:20pm Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Location:** Started near Morton County road J, approximately 2 miles north of Wilburton, KS. The fire quickly burned into the town of Wilburton

**Size:** Final mapped size is 700 acres  
The fire is 58% on private and 42% on Cimarron National Grasslands

**Management:** Will remain in unified command Morton County and US Forest Service until declared out

**Containment:** 100% Incident commanders are estimating control of the fire at 8:00 Saturday morning

**Fuels:** The fire burned 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. US Forest Service, Morton County EMS and law enforcement and the Yarbrough Volunteer Fire Department from Texas County, OK also responded.

**Damages:** Private: 1 residence and 7 outbuildings are confirmed lost  
National Grasslands: Fence lines and range infrastructure have been damaged

**Current Actions:** Patrol containment lines and take appropriate actions as needed  
Assess impacts to the private infrastructure and National Grassland  
Continue to develop rehabilitation plans as needed

**Remarks:** Limited areas of smoke are likely to be visible over the next few days. Fire managers prefer folks not report these smokes unless there is an immediate risk for escape

The cooperation of fire response resources and local volunteers was critical to the successful containment of this fire

The long term weather outlook indicates little to no relief from the moderate drought. Please remain vigilant in your efforts to avoid human caused fires. They can prove to be very difficult to contain during these frequent windy days we are experiencing

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