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Fire Incident Command Center Stationed at SWOSU

Because of the fires in western Oklahoma, the U.S. Forestry Service has set up an Incident Command Center and staging area at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Units from Florida and other states started arriving this past Saturday.

Nate Downs, director of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, asks area residents to avoid parking during this time in the west parking lot of the event center and the stadium parking areas. Guests are asked to use the northeast entrance of the center and park on the east side of the center.

The Rhea Fire, that has consumed over 246,000 acres since its onset, has been transitioned to the Southern States Type 1 Incident Management Team to manage.

The Southern States Type 1 Incident Management Team will be working alongside state and local resources to continue reinforcing fire line and support ongoing mop-up operations, preparing for critical weather concerns that are expected on the fire this week.

Fire operations will continue to receive new fire suppression resources daily to effectively manage the Rhea Fire and enable the local and state fire crews to receive some much-needed rest, as well as, rehabilitate fire equipment.

For additional information, please visit the Oklahoma Forestry Services Facebook page:

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaForestry/>
- Rhea Fire Information Line: (580)774-3194
- Email-RheafireInformation@gmail.com

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