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Three Large Fires Tuesday in Leavenworth Co.

TONGANOXIE, Kan. (AP) - Dry conditions are partly blamed for three large fires in a single northeastern Kansas county, and forecasters are warning of a high risk for much of the state as winds pick up Wednesday.

Leavenworth County officials say up to 15 acres burned and a mobile home was destroyed Tuesday afternoon after a homeowner flicked cigarette ashes on the ground.

Around the same time, sparks from a tractor hitting a rock started a fire that burned nearly 50 acres near Tonganoxie. And a third fire in Leavenworth County scorched about 15 acres Tuesday afternoon. The cause of that blaze is under investigation.

The National Weather Service says much of northeastern, central and east-central Kansas will be at risk for fires Wednesday afternoon and evening as humidity levels drop and winds pick up.

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