



## **Blum Fire Update Friday, July 28, 2023**

**Size:** est. 300 acres

**Containment:** 40%

**Start Date:** July 26, 2023

**Cause:** Under Investigation

The Blum Fire started on July 26, 2023, and was responded to by multiple fire departments initially. Texas A&M Forest Service was requested for assistance at 3:15 p.m. and responded with aviation resources, heavy equipment, and engines from Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS). Multiple departments from Hill, Johnson, and Bosque counties are working in Unified command with Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

**Evacuations:** There are currently no evacuations in place.

**Damages/Injuries:** It was initially reported that five homes were destroyed by the Blum Fire in Hill County. After further assessment of the burned area, this was determined not to be true. No homes have been destroyed by the fire. One outbuilding, however, is confirmed to have been lost to the fire. No injuries have been reported at this time.

**Yesterday:** Aviation resources and heavy equipment were able to add additional containment lines and continue working on suppression of fire activity within the containment lines. Equipment crews and engines spent the night working to construct and improve containment lines around the perimeter of the fire and continue the process of mopping-up, putting out any areas of heat within the first 100 feet of the containment lines.

**Today:** Engine crews will be patrolling around the perimeter of the fire and the interior roads, working to suppress any active flames and smoking areas. Heavy equipment from Texas A&M Forest Service and Hill County are continuing to construct and improve the containment lines. As the day warms and dries, engines will continue to be ready if the fire does jump outside of its containment lines. Additional resources will be coming back on scene later today in preparation for this afternoon. Aerial resources are standing by in case they are needed for suppression.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Moderate winds with higher gusts will continue today and through the weekend. High temperatures and low relative humidity, like yesterday's conditions will continue for the next several days.

**Closures:** FM Road 933 is now open. Please use caution when traveling along this roadway as fire crews are still working along this road to suppress the Blum Fire.

## **Fire Information**

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