



## Storage Fire Update Saturday, July 02, 2023

**Size:** 950 acres

**Containment:** 85%

**Start Date:** June 28, 2023

**Cause:** Under Investigation, Human Caused

The Storage Fire, burning south of Possum Kingdom Lake and 9 miles west of Palo Pinto in Palo Pinto County, started on June 28, 2023. The fire is suspected to be human caused and is under investigation. The fire is burning in brush, grass and mesquite mix, and is showing low to moderate fire behavior now.

**Evacuations:** There are currently **no evacuations** in place in for the Storage Fire. Residents are advised to use caution when reentering area as there will be trees and power poles weakened by the fire's passage. Residents may also continue to smoke and even small flames for the near future as the fire continues to burn within the burned area.

There has been only one damaged structure and no injuries reported on this fire.

**yesterday,** Storage Fire received beneficial rain across the burn area for several hours yesterday, and crews patrolled and monitored the fire for most of the day in the rain. With the beneficial rainfall and less observed heat, all crews came off the line last night to get a good night's rest and recover.

**Today:** Engine and Heavy Equipment crews will be working together to construct the last section of containment line with a combination of hand cut line and dozer line. The area they are working in has some steep and rocky terrain as well as some key values to protect and dozers are not able to construct quality line due to some of these factors. Firefighters will utilize hand tools, chainsaws, and hoses from the engines to cut a line in the ground and then mop-up all hot areas near that line. Additionally, we have begun releasing some resources so that they can return their home units and be ready in case a new fire starts elsewhere across the state.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** It will be a sunny day over the fire today with temperatures reaching up into the low 90s. The relative humidity will remain high throughout the day and into this evening, helping to lower fire activity in the area. There is a chance for some additional storms this afternoon and fire personnel will monitor the weather or any changes.

**Temporary Flight Restriction:** There is an updated Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place for the area over the fire, [NOTAM: FDC 3/9966, <https://bit.ly/437Sg2D>]. Please avoid the area to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft. If there are any drone or aircraft intrusions into the TFR, all aerial operations must stop.

### Fire Information

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