



Storage Fire Update Saturday, July 03, 2023

Size: 950 acres

Containment: 90%

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 see smoke and even small flames for the near future as the fire continues to burn within the burned area.

Another outbuilding was found damaged yesterday, so there have been 2 structures damaged and no injuries reported.

Yesterday: Firefighters continued to heavily mop-up the perimeter of the fire with hand tools and water. The final piece of containment line was constructed by hand yesterday, with firefighters using chainsaws, hand tools, and hoses off their engines to connect the two containment lines. With this last piece of containment line constructed, crews focused on identifying any heats along the lines and patrolling around the perimeter.

Today: Engine crews are continuing to mop-up and patrol around the edge of the fire looking for any areas of heat to put out. Resources are finding minimal areas of heat and are hoping to increase containment at the end of the day. Heavy Equipment resources have repaired some of their constructed lines and are now staged for any additional fires that may start. At the end of today more resources will demobilize from the incident and return to their home units to be prepared for new starts.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Weather will be hot and dry today with some moderate winds. There is a low chance for some rain or thunderstorms this afternoon, and if these develop there will be some gusty and erratic outflow winds. Tonight the relative humidity will be pretty high and the weather tomorrow will be similar.

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