



Storage Fire Final Update Tuesday, July 04, 2023

Size: 950 acres

Containment: 95%

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. This will be the final update for the Storage Fire.

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

Two buildings were damaged by this fire, but no injuries have been reported.

Yesterday: Fire crews continued to patrol and mop-up the perimeter of the fire and identified a few areas of heat or active flames. These heats were put out by engine crews with water and hand tools. Heavy Equipment crews worked to repair containment lines and then rehabilitated their equipment and staged for initial attack, or new fire starts. Additionally, most of the remaining resources were released from the incident and returned to their home units to be ready for new fire starts.

Today: The Storage fire will be monitored by resources from the local Texas A&M Forest Service office. They will be patrolling the fire area, identifying any areas of heat, and putting them out as they are identified. A dozer crew is staged at this fire, available and ready to respond to any new fires that may start. With the expected weather today, and the low activity observed yesterday, crew's feel confident on reaching 100% containment this evening.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Temperatures will reach the upper 90s today, with winds reaching somewhere between 10-15 miles per hour. Relative humidity is expected to remain above 30%. Some thunderstorms may develop this afternoon with lightning and gusty outflow winds. These should disperse before this evening along with relative humidity remaining above 80% overnight.

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