



Storage Fire Daily Update Friday, July 07, 2023

Size: 975 acres

Containment: 50%

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 was initially contained on July 4th, 2023. The fire has spotted out of containment lines and began growing again on July 7th, 2023.

Evacuations: There are currently **no evacuations** in place for the Storage Fire.

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

Today: The Storage Fire spotted threw a spot fire outside of the containment lines on the east side of the fire and began growing again. Texas A&M Forest Service was requested to assist with suppression again along with the local volunteer fire departments. The fire was knocked down quickly through a combination of aerial assists, in the form of Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) and a helicopter, heavy equipment, and engines. The new growth was limited to 25 acres. Heavy equipment has constructed dozer lines around the new growth and engine crews are now working to suppress all active flames and any heat along the east flank to identify any other potential threats to the line. Additional resources are traveling into the area to assist with this fire tomorrow.

Weather and Fire Behavior: After several days of high temperatures, fuels like grass and brush dried out enough to be receptive again for fire. With high winds today a still burning ember from the interior of the fire was likely blown over the line and ignited the grass. Winds are expected to decrease through the night and drop back to a lower speed tomorrow and Sunday. Relative humidity should recover well tonight, helping to reduce overall fire behavior. There is a chance for some storms in the area on Sunday, and lightning and gusty winds are expected if these storms develop.

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