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### **MILILANI MAUKA WILDFIRE UPDATE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

The Mililani Mauka Fire is located east of Mililani Mauka in a remote, mountainous area with steep terrain on private lands, Kamehameha Schools lands and the O'ahu Forest National Wildlife Refuge. The fire remains 90% contained and current acreage is approximately 1,615 acres due to more accurate mapping. The fire footprint did not grow yesterday.

A Burned Area Response (BAR) team has arrived to begin evaluating impacts and develop a restoration plan to the fire damaged lands within the O'ahu Forest National Wildlife Refuge.

Resources include an interagency hotshot crew, one wildland fire module, ten smokejumpers, two helicopter modules and one type 3 helicopter. There are a total of 63 personnel assigned to the fire.

Yesterday, crews hiked into accessible portions of the fire line to identify areas of residual heat during these drier conditions; the fire perimeter along the west, northwest and southeast continue to be monitored and improved each day. Aviation support used bucket drops on areas that could not be accessed by foot on the southeast and western edges of the fire perimeter. Today, personnel will continue to identify areas of heat and improve the fire perimeter using ground crews and the type 3 helicopter.

The weather forecast for today is for an east southeast wind and a 40% chance of precipitation. This flow provides a steady supply of cloud cover along with scattered to numerous showers. Rainfall will most likely occur Friday night with a 90% chance of rain on Friday night.

The fire is primarily located within the O'ahu Forest National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge protects some of the last remaining intact native forest on the island and supports at least 22 federally listed species, including native plants.

For additional information, please contact [2023.mililani@firenet.gov](mailto:2023.mililani@firenet.gov) or search for the Mililani Mauka fire on <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>.

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