

MILILANI MAUKA FIRE UPDATE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2023

This will be the last DAILY update for the Mililani Mauka Fire. Updates will continue to be posted to Inciweb at http://inciweb.nwcg.gov as the fire status changes

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 1,681 acres due to more accurate mapping. The fire footprint did not grow yesterday.

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 60 personnel assigned to the fire.

Yesterday, personnel flew over the fire area and further refined the mapping of the fire perimeter and the interior pockets that had previously been unburned. The Burned Area Response team visited the western portion of the fire area as they continue to develop a post-fire restoration plan. Crews hiked into accessible portions of the fire line to identify areas of residual heat; the fire perimeter along the west, northwest and southeast continue to be monitored and improved each day by ground crews. Aviation support used bucket drops on areas on the south and east fire perimeter that could not be accessed by foot. Scattered showers occurred over the fire yesterday. 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 is for trade winds to gradually strengthen over the weekend. There is a 40% chance of precipitation today. Very windy northeasterly trade winds are expected early next week with a weak front passing through the area Monday night. A cool and dry air mass will move over the islands Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 and future updates, search for the Mililani Mauka Fire on http://inciweb.nwcg.gov.