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MILILANI MAUKA WILDFIRE UPDATE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assumed command of the Mililani Mauka fire this morning. The fire is located in a remote, mountainous area with steep, dangerous 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 1,622 acres due to more accurate mapping. Acreage will continue to be refined and fluctuations in these figures do not indicate that the fire is growing or expanding in size, as there has been minimal fire activity due to recent rain received over the fire area. There was no fire growth on the fire during yesterday's operational period.

Ground crews include an interagency hotshot crew, one wildland fire module, ten smokejumpers and two helicopter modules. There are a total of 66 personnel assigned to the fire. Significant progress has been made on securing the west, northwest and southwest portions of the fire edge, closest to Mililani Mauka. Crews will continue to identify and extinguish hot spots and improve the fire perimeter as they traverse accessible portions further around the fire perimeter in this steep and rugged terrain.

Today's weather will be drier than previous days with only a 40% chance of scattered showers, especially during the overnight through morning hours.

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 or search for the Mililani Mauka fire on <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>.

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