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MILILANI MAUKA WILDFIRE UPDATE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2023

The Mililani Mauka Fire is located four miles 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 1,625 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 63 personnel assigned to the fire. Yesterday, crews identified areas of heat along the fire perimeter and continued to hike into the accessible portions of the fire edge to ensure that all residual heat is identified and extinguished. Significant progress continues on the west and southwest portions of the fire edge closest to Mililani Mauka and the southeast fire edge on Kamehameha Schools lands. 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.

Scattered showers will be possible over the fire area today, especially during the overnight and morning hours. Winds will be more southeasterly through Thursday before returning to a more easterly trade wind direction on Friday.

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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