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PTA Wildfire Update

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA (PTA), Hawaii- Saddle Road is open with detours at mile marker 29 directing traffic to the “old Saddle Road” and re-routing back to the new Saddle Road at mile marker 34.5 near Mauna Kea State Park. The Mauna Kea State Park is closed to public access.

The wildfire at the U.S. Army's Pohakuloa Training Area has now consumed an estimated 1,350 acres and remains at 55% contained. It continues to spread on the northern slopes of Mauna Kea East of mile marker 32 on Saddle Road, while firebreaks have successfully been dug on the fire's east and west flanks. Saddle Road is providing a firebreak to the south.

A total of four helicopters remain on the scene today fighting the fire. Approximately 85 firefighters continue to battle the blaze. No structures have been burned and no injuries to firefighters have occurred.

The fire began sometime approximately 9:30 a.m. Sunday about a 1/4 mile east of PTA's main gate in the vicinity of Mauna Kea State Park. No Army training activity was taking place on the eastside of Saddle Road at that time.

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