



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



June 2002

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

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Hawaii County

9 SSE Volcano	01	0000HST			0	0			Wild/Forest Fire
	21	1700HST							

The Kupukupu fire, named for the exotic fern that helped fuel the blaze, blackened about 3660 acres in the Holei Pali area of the Big Island of Hawaii. However, there were no serious injuries or property damage. The fire burned from May 17th through June 21st in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. It was difficult to extinguish because of its remote location and because molten lava from Kilauea Volcano was acting as a continuous ignition source.

More than 140 federal firefighters battled the wildfire, with 80 of those from Arizona and California. Five charter and two Army helicopters assisted in battling the blaze with water drops. The national park's fire management officer estimated that firefighting costs would top \$1.5 million

HIZ001-004-008			Niihau - Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau		0	0			High Surf
	01	1600HST							
	02	1600HST							

A storm low far south of the equator caused surf of 6 to 12 feet along the south-facing shores of Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii. No serious injuries or property damage were reported.

HIZ001-004-008			Niihau - Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau		0	0			High Surf
	10	1000HST							
	12	1600HST							

A trade wind swell produced surf of 6 to 10 feet along the east-facing shores of Kauai and the island of Hawaii. There were no reports of serious injuries or property damage.

HIZ001>006-008			Niihau - Kauai Windward - Kauai Leeward - Kauai Mountains - Oahu South Shore - Waianae Coast - Oahu Koolau		1	1			High Surf
	12	1000HST							
	14	0200HST							

A storm low east of New Zealand generated surf of 6 to 12 feet along the south-facing shores of all the Hawaiian Islands. One man drowned at about 12:20 PM HST on June 13th near Koko Kai Beach Park south of Portlock on Oahu's southeast coast after being swept out to sea by high surf. Two women near the same area were rescued by lifeguards that day as well, with one of them almost drowning and being taken to Straub Hospital for treatment and observation. There were no reports of serious property damage.
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