



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 2003

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Maui County

8.5 ESE Ulupalakua	06 10	1630HST 1500HST			0	0			Wildfire
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A brush fire burned about 2500 acres of pasture land and gulches in Kahikinui on the south-facing slopes of Haleakala in East Maui. State forestry officials said the blaze did not burn into a nearby forest reserve, but they did say that stands of koa and other native plants in the gulches were damaged. The fire did not threaten homes or other structures. Maui County firefighters, with help from state and Haleakala National Park specialists, battled the blaze. Assistance was also provided by Ulupalakua Ranch workers, heavy equipment operators from Goodfellow Brothers, and state highway workers. To help contain the blaze, county officials also used three helicopters to drop water on the fire. There were no serious injuries or property damage. The cause of the blaze was not known.

Honolulu County

Haleiwa	08	1230HST 1400HST			0	0			Wildfire
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A fire burned 30 acres of brush near Haleiwa, threatening homes and businesses. The fire started on the east side of the Joseph P. Leong Highway and then jumped the highway to the west, moving within 50 feet of historic homes and stores near the North Shore Market Place. Firefighters evacuated 25 businesses as a precaution. The blaze also took out six utility poles, cutting power to 3700 customers in Waiialua and Haleiwa. Smoke and flames, as well, forced police to shut down the Joseph P. Leong and Kamehameha highways in both directions for two hours. In the end, the fire did not cause any injuries, or damage to homes or businesses. The cause of the blaze was unknown, but fire officials believed it was suspicious.

Hawaii County

11 SSW Naalehu	18 22	1100HST 1800HST			0	0			Wildfire
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A wildfire blackened 10,500 acres of grassland near South Point on the Big Island of Hawaii, forced the evacuation of eight homes, and destroyed a home under construction. Some livestock may also have been killed by the fire. No damage estimates on the home or livestock were available, however. Civil defense officials also closed part of South Point Road at various times over a four-day period because of the blaze. Hawaii County firefighters battled the fire, and used two helicopters to drop water on the flames. There were no injuries. The cause of the brush fire was not known, but officials said that it was suspicious.

Kauai County

3 WSW Anahola	19	1230HST 2030HST			0	0			Wildfire
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A fire burned 640 acres of brush and grassland; and abandoned cars, rubbish and other debris; just north of Kealia Road near an old airstrip in northeast Kauai. No homes or other structures were threatened by the fire, and there were no serious injuries. Kauai County firefighters contained the blaze, along with help from two helicopters from Interisland Helicopters that dropped water on the fire. The cause of the blaze was not known.

Honolulu County

4 N Makaha	22	1430HST 2000HST			0	0			Wildfire
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What was to be a controlled burn in the Makua Military Reservation became an out-of-control wildfire that scorched 2500 acres of brush in northwest Oahu. The blaze for a time threatened native plants and animals, and ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs. However, there were no serious injuries or property damage. Army and other federal firefighters battled the fire, and they used three Army helicopters to help douse the flames.



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**Hanalei to
Wailua**

26	0115HST 0935HST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Heavy showers and thunderstorms produced ponding of roadways, and drainage ditch and small stream flooding in north and northeast parts of Kauai. Police closed the bridge over the Hanalei River near the town of Hanalei for a time because of high water near the bridge and along the road leading to and from the span. No serious property damage or injuries were reported.

Honolulu County

**Kahuku to
Waimanalo**

26	0615HST 0900HST				0	0			Heavy Rain
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Heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms near and over the Koolau Range on Oahu caused small stream and drainage ditch flooding, and ponding of roadways. However, there were no reports of serious injuries or property damage.