



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



August 2003

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

HAWAII

Hawaii County

**Honokaa to
10 W Honokaa**

**05 1458HST
1700HST** **0 0** **Heavy Rain**

Heavy showers caused ponding of roadways and minor stream and drainage ditch flooding in windward portions of the Big Island of Hawaii. There were no reports of serious property damage or injuries.

Maui County

1.5 E Kahului

**06 1345HST
1830HST** **0 0** **1.2M Wildfire**

An intentionally set fire burned 420 acres of sugar cane on the property of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company on the island of Maui. Smoke from the blaze forced the police to close a portion of Haleakala Highway from 1420 to 1800, causing a major traffic tie-up. There were no reports of serious injuries.

HIZ001-004-008

Niihau - Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau

**09 1000HST
11 1000HST** **0 0** **Heavy Surf/High Surf**

A trade wind swell produced surf of 4 to 8 feet along the east-facing shores of Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii. No serious injuries or property damage were reported.

Maui County

6 NW Kaunakakai

**12 1330HST
17 1800HST** **0 4** **10K Wildfire**

A brush fire scorched about 3000 acres on the isle of Molokai, at one time threatening two dozen homes in the town of Hoolehua. The fire, however, did destroy a family's storage shed with its contents. It also destroyed a house under construction and killed a calf trapped in a corral. The dollar cost of damages was a least \$10 thousand. Firefighters from Molokai and Maui fought the blaze over a six-day period, utilizing standard methods and four water-carrying helicopters. Four firemen sustained minor injuries--smoke inhalation and strained backs. The cause of the fire was unknown.

HIZ001-004-008

Niihau - Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau

**14 1200HST
16 1400HST** **0 0** **Heavy Surf/High Surf**

A strong trade wind swell generated surf of 6 to 12 feet along the east- and southeast-facing shores of the Big Island of Hawaii and Kauai. There were no reports of serious property damage or injuries.

Honolulu County

7 NNW Makaha

**15 1945HST
16 1915HST** **0 0** **Wildfire**

A fire burned between 1000 and 1500 acres of mainly brush vegetation in leeward Oahu. However, some endangered native plants were also believed to have been scorched by the fire, though the dollar cost of damages was unavailable. Fire officials had to evacuate campers at nearby Yokohama Bay as a precaution. Also, the blaze for a time threatened equipment at the Air Force satellite tracking station near Kaena Point. State and federal firefighters battled the fire, and they were assisted by the Honolulu Fire Department's Air One helicopter and two Army Black Hawk helicopters that carried water to the blaze. No injuries were reported. The cause of the brush fire was unknown.



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HAWAII

Honolulu County

6 W Waialua

19 2230HST
21 1700HST

0 0

Wildfire

A fire blackened 155 acres of brush on the Mokuleia side of Kaena Point on Oahu, and endangered five types of native Hawaiian plants. Survey teams had not been able to canvas the area to see if any of the prized vegetation was actually harmed, but irrigation pipes used by state officials to water the plants were destroyed by the fire. No dollar cost of damages was available, however. One third of the blaze also scorched sections of the Kuaokala game management area; where quail, doves and pheasants had migrated. Firefighters used the Air One helicopter from the Honolulu Fire Department to help douse the fire. There were no reports of injuries. The blaze was started by the wind carrying flames from a burning van to the dry brush near by.

Honolulu County

2 E Hawaii Kai

27 1100HST
1615HST

0 0

Wildfire

A brushfire burned between 50 and 100 acres of grass and kiawe trees on the east side of Koko Head Crater, with flames occasionally reaching the top of the crater. There were no serious injuries or property damage, but the Koko Crater Equestrian Center had to be evacuated for a time while firefighters contained the blaze. The cause of the fire was unknown, but fire officials said it was suspicious.

Honolulu County

3.5 N Waimanalo

27 1145HST
1500HST

0 0

Wildfire

A brush fire burned around 70 acres near Bellows Air Force Station in windward Oahu. The fire threatened several homes in the Keolu Hills subdivision for a time, and fire officials evacuated those residents nearest the fire because of heavy smoke. The firefighters used Honolulu Fire Department's Air One helicopter and two Marine helicopters from nearby Marine Corps Base Hawaii in helping to battle the blaze. There were no reports of serious property damage or injuries. The cause of the fire was not determined.

HIZ004-008

Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau

31 1000HST
2359HST

0 0

Heavy Surf/High Surf

A swell generated by Hurricane Jimena produced surf of 4 to 8 feet along the east- and southeast-facing shores of the Big Island of Hawaii. No serious injuries or property damage were reported.