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U.S. Army continues to monitor the wildland fire (update)

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hilo, Hawaii (Aug. 12, 2022) — First responders from Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), along with the team of fire fighters from HFD, DOFAW, National Parks Service and volunteers continue to engage to wildfire in the saddle region, also known as the Leilani Fire. The fire has burned nearly 16,400 acres and containment is estimated to be approximately 30%.

PTA Fire teams are focusing efforts on the eastern portion of the overall fire to ensure the fire does not move east, back towards PTA. Ground units are patrolling roads, monitoring flash points, and building and reinforcing fire lines around the fire. Aircrews from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade are dropping thousands of gallons of water on active fire locations. The remainder of State and County first responders are focused on the western edge, close to Highway 190 and monitoring the fire as the 1859 lava flow serves to block the advance of the fire.

The following assets remain engaged fighting the fire:

- 7 large earth-moving dozers
- 5 Army helicopters from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield
- 2 Hawaii County helicopters
- More than 30 personnel (approximately)
- 10 brush trucks, engines, and tankers (approximately)

A unified incident command center was established at Pu'u Anahulu and will remain there for the duration of response efforts.

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