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U.S. Army responds to fire at Makua Military Reservation

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii (Aug. 19, 2022) — Department of the Army firefighters are currently responding to a wildfire burning at Makua Military Reservation.

The fire began at approximately 12:30 p.m. today, near the south ridge of the reservation. Army first responders, including two fire engines and four firefighters immediately responded and are fighting the fire with aerial support from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade en route to conduct water bucket drops. Approximately 40 acres have burned with responders working to contain the fire.

Residents and motorists near Makua Military Reservation may see smoke in the sky, but there is no threat to nearby facilities or people at this time. As no active training or activities were taking place in the area, the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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