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## **Update on KMA Complex Wildland Fire at Pōhakuloa Training Area**

**Pōhakuloa Training Area, Hilo, Hawaii** (February 13, 2022) —

Firefighting crews from Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), Hawaii County, and Volunteers, along with dozer operators, continue to fight the fire that started yesterday at approximately 3:20PM. The Keamuku Maneuver Area (KMA) Complex fire is currently assessed at approximately five percent contained and has burned approximately 1,500 acres thus far. These two wildland fires which broke out yesterday afternoon in the vicinity of the KMA (east of Highway 190) were caused by lightning strikes. Currently, there is no community threat. There are no units or troops training in the area.

U.S. Army and Hawaii County helicopters continue to support firefighters on the ground to contain the two wildland fires. PTA, County, and Volunteer firefighters are partnering to fight the fires and battling the on-going strong trade winds. PTA dozers and contract dozers continue to build fire lines to mitigate the spread of the fires. PTA is bringing in three additional U.S. Army military helicopters (2x UH-60 Blackhawks and 1x CH-47 Chinook) from Oahu this morning from the 25th Infantry Division, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade to support with water bucket drops.

We thank the community for their continued support. PTA is coordinating with Hawaii County Civil Defense to ensure the public is kept informed.

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