



## DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### News Release

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#### **DLNR CLOSES MOLOKA‘I FOREST RESERVE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY -- ATV RIDERS ENTERING FIRE AREA POSE RISK TO FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS AND THEMSELVES**

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has closed the Moloka‘i Forest Reserve to all public access due to a wildfire fire that started yesterday, until further notice.

“This closure is for public safety, as our wildfire fighters have encountered individuals on all-terrain vehicles in the Makakupa‘ia burn area within the forest reserve said Paul Conry, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) administrator.

DLNR enforcement officers will coordinate the closure with DOFAW staff. This closure is imperative for several public safety reasons -- the fire may increase and trap people. Also those persons riding on the roads could encounter moving heavy equipment or fire vehicles and cause an accident or interfere with the firefighting effort.

Fighting the fire are 30 personnel from DLNR, 4 from The Nature Conservancy, up to 30 personnel from Maui County Fire department, and other agencies have sent firefighters as well.

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