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WILDFIRE ON MAUNA KEA NOW AT 80 PERCENT CONTAINED

HILO – More than a week of intense effort and moderate weather conditions have led to success by multi-agency fire fighting teams who today had the Mauna Kea fire along Saddle Road at 80 percent contained. Burn area acreage has remained at 1,387 acres.

The fire has burned since August 22 in the Pohakuloa Training Area, the Mauna Kea forest reserve -- and the Mauna Kea State Recreation Area, which is still closed until further notice.

Due to the improved containment area, DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) fire crews from Kauai, Oahu and Maui and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park crew were demobilized today from the fire and island.

DOFAW Hawaii island and Pohakuloa Training Area crews totaling 19 were on scene today along with six fire engines to continue “mop up” of burned areas by extinguishing or removing burning material along or near the control line. They returned to their base late this afternoon, and a smaller crew will return to mop up and monitor the fire for the next several days. Hawaii County Fire Department remains available for response.

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