Firefighters extinguish 40-acre brush fire in Anahola

ANAHOLA – Kaua‘i firefighters extinguished a brush fire that broke out in Anahola Monday morning.

No injuries were reported and no homes were threatened despite the fire’s close proximity to a subdivision owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

At approximately 10:35 a.m. on Monday, personnel from the Kaiākea fire station and Kaua‘i Police Department were dispatched to a brush fire along Kukuihale Road at Pilipoli Road. Both roads were closed from 10:30 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. as crews responded.

Due to high winds and the rapid spread of the fire, Air 1, Air 2, Truck 1, Truck 2, Truck 8, Engine 2, Engine 3, Engine 7, Engine 8, Rescue 3, and the on-scene Battalion Chief assisted with the blaze. Crews also utilized a bulldozer from Kaiwa Construction, Inc.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control and prevent it from spreading up Pilipoli Road towards the residential neighborhood. Anahola command along with Truck 8 proceeded to extinguish the Kilauea side of the fire perimeter. All incoming engines and trucks would be utilized to extinguish the perimeter of the fire. Additionally, Truck 8, Truck 2, T1, Air1, and Air2 provided air drops and extinguishment of the fire. A bulldozer from Kaiwa Construction, Inc. was used to create a fire break around the fire and roadway access for hotspot extinguishment.
Approximately 40 acres of brush and numerous abandoned cars were involved in this fire. The bulldozer was in use until 4:30 p.m. and crews left the scene shortly after.

The cause of the fire is not yet known and remains under investigation.