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Firefighters Ready to Respond



Firefighter Sean Grossman wields a hose attached to the park's water truck to fill a 5,000 gallon capacity "frog pond." Photo by Dave Boyle

This afternoon, firefighters set up five portable ponds with a total capacity of 15,500 gallons of water because the threat of a lava-ignited wildfire remains a possibility. In the event of a need for aerial fire suppression activities, the plastic pools could be used as dipping sites by helicopter pilots to fill their buckets

On Tuesday, lava oozed out of a new fissure in a protected rainforest rich in native, rare, and endangered plants and animals. Rains have helped decrease the fire risk, but often in a wildland fire situation, conditions change rapidly.

The water staging area is at the Mauna Ulu parking lot, about four miles west of the lava outbreak on the upper east rift of Kilauea.

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