

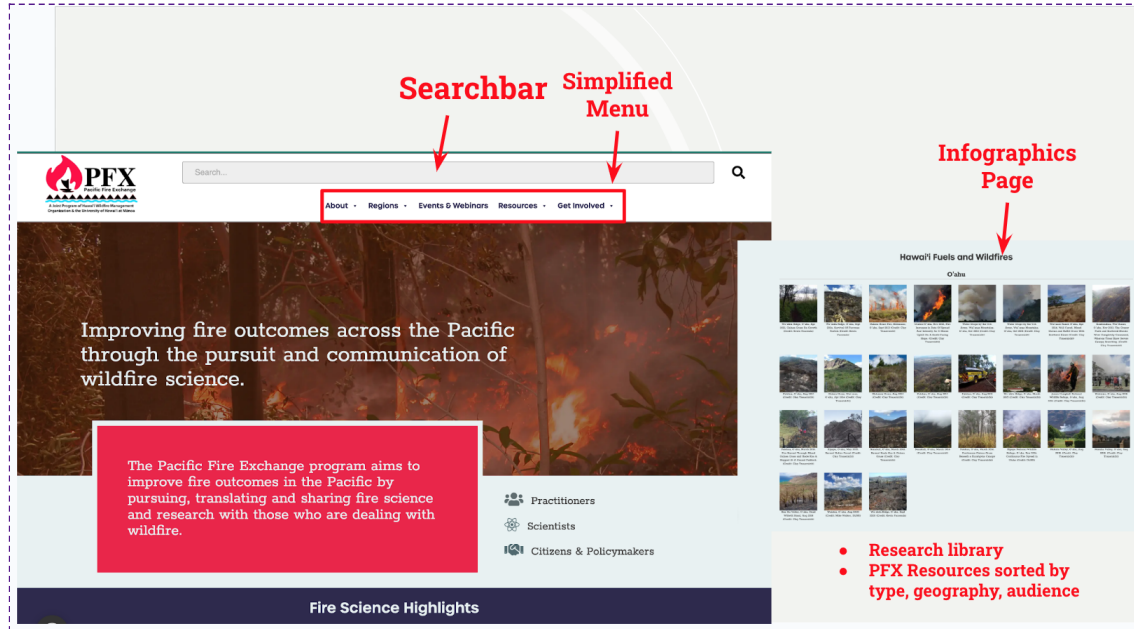
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Pacific Fire Exchange (PFX) Highlights



Did you know that we have an awesome, ****new-ish**** [website](#)? If you haven't checked out the PFX website lately, please do! We have:

- **a search bar to look for factsheets, newsletters, images, and anything related to Pacific island wildfire and wildfire science!** (search bar at the top)

[HERE](#) (click on the "Regions" menu at the top)

- **interviews** and perspectives from your colleagues and friends [HERE](#)

As always, if there's something missing, not quite right, or you have an idea, we would love to hear it! Email melissa@hawaiiwildfire.org

Partnerships in Action

Our annual statewide wildfire awareness & preparedness campaign, Wildfire & Drought LOOKOUT is well underway! As you all know, wildfires across Hawai'i have been increasing in frequency, size, and impact. This season is no exception, as we have already seen fires begin to occur across the state and anticipate fire danger to worsen over the coming months. Check out our campaign website [HERE](#) to download everything you need.

More information below:

- [DLNR News Release: Wildfire & Drought LOOKOUT!](#) Ramps up for Predicted Prolonged Drought (June 7, 2023)
 - [Hawaii's rainy wet season could lead to more wildfire](#) (KHON, June 7, 2023)
 - [Officials warn of Hawaii wildfire risks with extended drought](#) (Star Advertiser, June 8, 2023)
 - [Wildfire awareness campaign launches amid predictions of prolonged drought](#) (Maui Now, June 8, 2023)
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Hometown Heroes



L-R: Alba Torres, Bill Hanson, Bill Simonsma, Cindy Kester, Mary Schramke, Joan Campagna, Kazuo Todd, Dana Aina

Waikōloa’s 2nd Annual Hulu Holoholo wildfire emergency evaluation drill on June 17, 2023 was a huge success! Beginning last summer, Waikōloa residents, Hawai‘i civil defense, police and fire department personnel took the proactive approach of practicing the evacuation protocol in the event of a wildfire. The purpose is to become familiar with safety protocols which include using alternate roads to avoid gridlock. This was in response to previous mandatory evacuations (2005, 2021) due to approaching wildfires. Recognizing that Waikōloa Village is a huge cul-de-sac with just one way out, the County then constructed a gated one-lane gravel road from the makai end of Hulu Street to the Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway to be used for evacuation.

More than 200 people and 100 cars participated in the 2023 evacuation drill, while receiving important educational materials. Passenger vehicles as well as SUVs, pickup trucks, vans, bicycles and motorcycles drove to the Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway without difficulty, dispelling rumors that only 4-wheel drive vehicles could navigate the road successfully. Well done!

Hawai‘i and Pacific: Webinars, Research, Reports and News

- [Maui’s Honoapi‘ilani Highway in Lahaina reopened; Olowalu brush fire 80% contained](#) (Hawaii News Now, June 27, 2023)

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(Hawaii News Now, June 26, 2023)

- [Brush fire burns 300 acres between N. Kīhei and Maui Raceway Park](#) (Maui Now, June 19, 2023)
- [Guam is still recovering from Typhoon Mawar, but residents are taking it in stride](#) (NPR, June 8, 2023)
- [Maui County Is Trying To Bring Relief To Farmers And Ranchers During Times Of Drought](#) (Honolulu Civil Beat, June 9, 2023)

Fire Adapted Communities

- [Learning About Burning: A Photo Story from ForestHer NC](#) (June 1, 2023)
- [Engaging Volunteers, Empowering the Community: The FAC Neighborhood Ambassador Approach](#) (June 15, 2023)

Meetings, Conferences, Courses

- Save the Date: [7th International Fire Behavior and Fuel Conference, April 15-19, 2024](#) (Boise, Idaho, USA; Canberra, Australia; Tralee, Ireland)
- [48th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop](#) - July 9 - 12, 2023 (Natural Hazards Center, Broomfield, Colorado)

National News & Policy

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- [Communities Impacted by Wildfires Across the Nation](#) (Dept of Interior Press Releas, June 14, 2023)
 - [This Lawsuit Could Change How the Forest Service Fights Wildfires](#) (The Atlantic, May 14, 2023)
 - [Rain may soon help put out flames in Canada's worst recorded wildfire season](#) (NPR, June 10, 2023)
 - [Wildfire smoke can be especially dangerous for kids. Here's how to protect them](#) (NPR, June 10, 2023)
 - [3 lessons from the Western U.S. for dealing with wildfire smoke](#) (NPR, June 8, 2023)
 - [What exactly are the stages of a wildfire?](#) (CBC Canada, June 2, 2023)
 - [Water Quality After Wildfire](#) (USGS, April 11, 2023)
 - [Landscape Fire Governance Framework](#) (8th International Wildland Fire Conference in Portugal)
 - [A weed is swallowing the Sonoran Desert](#): The invasive Stinknet plant fuels wildfires, irritates lungs and smothers native flora (High Country News, May 9, 2023)
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National and International Research and Reports

- [A data-driven analysis and optimization of the impact of prescribed fire programs on wildfre risk in diferent regions of the USA](#) (Natural Hazards, 22 April 2023)
- [Missing the Mark: Effectiveness and Funding in Community Wildfire Risk Reduction](#) (Headwaters Economics, June 14, 2023)
- [Estimating WUI exposure probability to a nearby wildfire](#) (Fire Ecology, 10 May 2023)
- [A firebreak placement model for optimizing biodiversity protection at landscape scale](#) (Journal of Environmental Management, 15 September

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- [Social drivers of vulnerability to wildfire disasters: A review of the literature](#) (Landscape and Urban Planning, September 2023)
- [Low-Flammability Landscape Plants](#) (Colorado State University Extension fact sheet)
- [Special Issue on Advances in the Measurement of Fuels and Fuel Properties](#) (Tinkham, W.T.; Lad, L.E.; Smith, A.M.S. IN Fire, 9 March 2023)
- [NWCG Standards for Mitigation in the Wildland Urban Interface](#) (National Wildfire Coordinating Group, May 2023)

National Multimedia: Webinars, Interviews, and Learning through Stories

- Webinar Recording: After The Flames Webinar Series – [Wildfire Ready Watersheds](#) (June 2023)
- [Native Seeds: Supplying Restoration](#) (watch trailer) - Documentary series explores urgent efforts to grow the native seed supply chain in the western United States
- [Landscape Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Webinar](#) (Northern Rockies Fire Science Consortia, April 5, 2023)

Jobs

- [Land Stewardship Assistant Manager](#) - Kualoa Ranch, Ka'a'awa Valley, O'ahu.
- [USDA-ARS Research Biologist](#) - Tropical Crop and Commodity Protection Research Unit of the Daniel K. Inouye U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural

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- [U.S. Army Garrison, O'ahu Natural Resources Management Program - Natural Resources Field Supervisor](#) (closing date 07-11-2023); [NRM Program Technician](#) (closing date 07-11-2023) I; [Rare Snail Conservation Biologist](#) (closing date 07-06-2023)
- [Assistant Extension Agent - PI-CASC Communications & Outreach Lead](#) - UH Mānoa. Apply before July 7, 2023.

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