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3 PM UPDATE: Hawaiian Electric monitoring weather conditions, West Maui customers should prepare for potential power shut off due to wildfire risk *Public Safety Power Shutoff watch activated*

KAHULUI, Oct. 16, 2024, 3 p.m. – Due to the potential threat of wildfires from high winds and dry conditions, Hawaiian Electric is maintaining a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) watch and stands ready to proactively shut off power in West Maui in communities with high exposure to wildfire risk.

As of 3 p.m., power remains on in West Maui as Hawaiian Electric continues to monitor wind speeds and weather conditions. Customers in this area are urged to prepare to implement their own emergency plans and prepare for the power to be off if a Public Safety Power Shutoff is deemed necessary.

In addition, Hawaiian Electric is currently working to restore power to a non-PSPS outage in Upcountry Maui affecting approximately 150 customers.

The National Weather Service today issued a Red Flag Warning for leeward areas on all islands running from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hawaiian Electric continues to monitor high winds and dry conditions across the state. If necessary, Hawaiian Electric will proactively shut off power on other islands to address any immediate wildfire risks.

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