

# Lava 100 feet from Hawaii home, nearing main road

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This Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey shows lava that has pushed through a fence marking a property boundary above the town of Pahoa on the Big Island of Hawaii. After weeks of slow, stop-and-go movement, a river of asphalt-black lava was less than the length of a football field from homes in the Big Island community Tuesday. The lava flow easily burned down an empty shed at about 7:30 a.m., several hours after entering a residential property in Pahoa Village, said Hawaii County Civil Defense Director Darryl Oliveira. A branch of the molten stream was less than 100 yards (90 meters) from a two-story house. It could hit the home later Tuesday if it continues on its current path, Oliveira estimated. Residents of Pahoa Village, the commercial center of the island's rural Puna district south of Hilo, have had

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Lava that's slowly creeping into a rural Hawaii town is about the length of a basketball court from a house.

The molten stream so far has burned a shed, some tires and vegetation—but no homes.

Hawaii County Civil Defense Director Darryl Oliveira said Wednesday the lava is about 100 feet from a Pahoa residence. The couple who lives there has left.

Meanwhile, scientists from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory report the flow's leading edge is 240 yards from Pahoa Village Road, which leads through downtown.

Dozens of homes, business and other structures are in the area of the flow's path. That amount could increase as the flow front widens.

The front was about 25 to 30 yards wide early Wednesday. It later widened to 40 to 50 yards.



Denise Lagrimas, left, and her brother Beatle Rodriguez pack dishes at their home in Pahoa, Hawaii on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 as they prepare to move to another town away from the threat of lava. The family's single-story home is just across the street from properties where lava from Kilauea volcano is expected to slither past on its way to the ocean. (AP Photo/Audrey McAvoy)



Denise Lagrimas, right, and her brother Beatle Rodriguez pack dishes at their home in Pahoia, Hawaii on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 as they prepare to move to another town away from the threat of lava. The family's single-story home is just across the street from properties where lava from Kilauea volcano is expected to slither past on its way to the ocean. (AP Photo/Audrey McAvoy)



This Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey shows lava burning vegetation as it approaches a property boundary above the town of Pahoa on the Big Island of Hawaii. After weeks of slow, stop-and-go movement, a river of asphalt-black lava was less than the length of a football field from homes in the Big Island community Tuesday. The lava flow easily burned down an empty shed at about 7:30 a.m., several hours after entering a residential property in Pahoa Village, said Hawaii County Civil Defense Director Darryl Oliveira. A branch of the molten stream was less than 100 yards (90 meters) from a two-story house. It could hit the home later Tuesday if it continues on its current path, Oliveira estimated. Residents of Pahoa Village, the commercial center of the island's rural Puna district south of Hilo, have had weeks to prepare for what's been described as a slow-motion disaster. Most have either already left or are prepared to go. (AP Photo/U.S. Geological Survey)



This Oct. 26, 2014 photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey a Hawaii Volcano Observatory geologist mapping the margin of the June 27 lava flow in the open field below Cemetery Road near the town of Pahoa on the Big Island of Hawaii. Dozens of residents in this rural area of Hawaii were placed on alert as flowing lava continued to advance. Authorities on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014 said lava had advanced about 250 yards since Saturday morning and was moving at the rate of about 10 to 15 yards an hour, consistent with its advancement in recent days. The flow front passed through a predominantly Buddhist cemetery, covering grave sites in the mostly rural region of Puna, and was roughly a half-mile from Pahoa Village Road, the main street of Pahoa. (AP Photo/U.S. Geological Survey)



This Oct. 25, 2014 photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey shows a Hawaii Volcano Observatory geologist standing on a partly cooled section of lava flow near the town of Pahoa on the Big Island of Hawaii. Note the thin red horizontal line of molten lava visible along the bottom third of the photo. The flow here is about one meter (three feet) thick, but slightly farther upslope where the lava has had more time to inflate the thickness was closer to two meters. Dozens of residents in this rural area of Hawaii were placed on alert as flowing lava continued to advance. Authorities on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014 said lava had advanced about 250 yards since Saturday morning and was moving at the rate of about 10 to 15 yards an hour, consistent with its advancement in recent days. The flow front passed through a predominantly Buddhist cemetery, covering grave sites in the mostly rural region of Puna, and was roughly a half-mile from Pahoa Village Road, the main street of Pahoa. (AP Photo/U.S. Geological Survey)

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