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Update: Grass Fire Near Wimberley

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX – Fire Departments from throughout Hays County have responded to a major grass fire at FM 2325 and Valley Springs Road near Wimberley, and the Texas Forest Service is standing by to assist with an air tanker.

Some houses have been evacuated as a precaution and those residents are welcome at the Wimberley Community Center. There are no known burned structures at this time.

Hays County Director of Emergency Services Kharley Smith said that the fire is in a heavily wooded and brushy area with no road access, and fire department equipment may not be able to get to the head of the fire.

“A Forest Service tanker is standing by to begin water drops at the head of the fire when that location is determined,” Smith said. “STAR Flight is assisting by surveying the area and will report back as to an estimate of the size. A rough estimate from the ground indicates the fire could be in excess of 750 acres. We’ll know more when Starflight is able to finish its survey of the area,” Smith said.

Smith is urging motorists to avoid the area.