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Perkins County and Chase County provided assistance with 24 firefighters during a late day fire on Saturday, June 30.

The firefighters were responsible for the north flank of a fire burning from Stapleton toward Tryon.

According to Grant Fire Chief Don Softley, the fire was extinguished east of North Ringgold Road that had a perimeter of roughly two miles.

Temperatures that day exceeded 100 degrees.

A caravan of volunteer firefighters from Grant, Venango, Madrid, Elsie, Imperial and Lamar left Grant at 4:30 p.m. and returned around 12:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Equipment provided by Perkins and Chase County departments included a tanker and command vehicle from Grant, tanker and grass rig from Elsie, a water tender from Madrid, tanker from Venango, a command vehicle and tanker from Imperial and a grass rig from Lamar.

The departments joined 22 other departments in the effort.

Extremely hot, dry conditions have created high fire danger all across the state.