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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR HAWAII ISLAND NA ALA HELE TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL

HILO – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is inviting applications from interested person for vacant seats on the Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program Advisory Council on Hawaii Island.

Na Ala Hele Advisory Council members are asked to advise the program on trail and access concerns and issues, discuss and make recommendations on legal issues, and promote communication and cooperation between government and community representatives. Advisory council members receive public comments/recommendations and consult with their constituencies when needed.

The Na Ala Hele Advisory Council consists of nine members representing each of the following categories: Hawaiian culture, trail/mountain clubs, mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, hunters, fishers, environmentalists, landowners and trail/access advocates.

Applicants are now being sought to fill two open seats in the following categories: Hawaiian culture and fishermen. At the same time, DOFAW is also creating a qualified list of those interested in any of the listed categories. All applicants should have an appropriate background in the category area as well as an interest in representing community stakeholders related to their respected categories.

Individuals who are interested in serving on the Na Ala Hele Advisory Council may submit an application. Forms are available online at dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/nah. Applications should be mailed to: Na Ala Hele Program Manager, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 19 E. Kawili St., Hilo, HI 96720, attention Clement Chang. Applications will be reviewed by the DOFAW and members of the Council. Final selections will be made by the DLNR chairperson. Applications must be received by July 6, 2014.

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