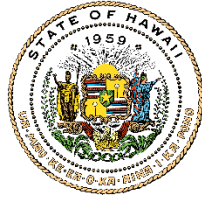


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June 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Section 106 Consultation for Nāpu'u Fences and Water Tanks; Army Compatible Use Buffer in the vicinity of United States Army Garrison Hawaii, Islands of Kauai, Oahu, and Hawaii, Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern,

The Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is proposing to work on the Army Compatible Use Buffer in the vicinity of United States Army Garrison Hawaii, Islands of Kauai, Oahu, and Hawaii, Hawaii Project with Federal funds. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, DOFAW is consulting with Native Hawaiian Organizations and others related to historic properties or knowledge of Hawaiian practices. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant association.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is partnering with Federal agencies to conduct a review of this project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. We would like to invite you to be a consulting party in this review to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your organization or community, and if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect them. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse effects.

This consultation requests review of the two construction actions of the Project –fencing construction and water tank installation in Nāpu'u area that includes the Pu'u Anahulu Game Management Area and adjacent Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve. The purpose of the fencing is to protect small populations of endangered plant species from from hooved-animal ingress. Four fence areas are proposed for a total of 44 acres and 2.5 miles of fence with access gates. The water tanks will be closed 50,000 gallon tanks with adjacent ploy dip tanks as needed. The purpose of the water tanks is to support wildland fire management. The proposed water tank locations are in areas that have previously been disturbed during past fires and are currently bulldozed safety zones. Two tanks in the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve are in agricultural zones.

DLNR has made the determination that the fences and water tanks will have no significant impact on the environment and published an environmental assessment exemption notice in March of 2024. The fences were determined to be exempt under General Exemption 3 and 4. The water tanks were determined to be exempt under General Exemptions 1, 3, and 4.

Once the consultation period is over, and if there are no major concerns presented, DOFAW will begin with construction. However, if any sites or artifacts are discovered, all work will stop, the proper authorities will be notified, and an assessment of significance will occur.

If you are interested in participating in this undertaking as a consulting party, providing comments on the proposed project Area of Potential Effect (APE) and any historic properties in the APE, or suggesting additional key contacts, please respond by July 12, 2024 via email to Emma.Yuen@hawaii.gov.

We value your assistance and look forward to your response.

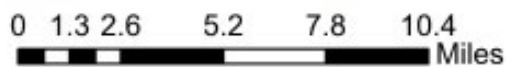
Sincerely,

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Proposed Napuu Water Tanks and Fences



Features are approximate and subject to change.
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- Napuu Water Tanks
- Napuu Fence Units