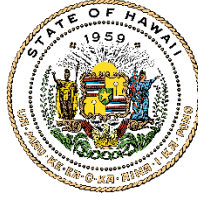


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SUBJECT: Section 106 Consultation for Restoration of Natural Ecological Processes;
Informational Signage Installation in Ku'ia Natural Area Reserve (NAR), Kōke'e State Park, and
Hono O Nā Pali NAR, Kaua'i, HI

To Whom It May Concern,

The Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is proposing to work on the project listed above 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 the Department of the Navy 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.

Project Description

DOFAW is proposing to place informational signage in public-facing areas for increased forest health management for Nā Pali-Kona Forest Reserve, Hono O Nā Pali NAR and Ku'ia NAR.

The project area is within Ku'ia Natural Area Reserve on Nualolo Trail, Waimea Ahupua'a, Kona Moku [TMK (4)1-4-001:013], within Kōke'e State Park on Honopū Trail, Honopū Ahupua'a, Nāpali Moku [TMK (4)5-9-001:016], and within the Hono O Nā Pali Natural Area Reserve on the Alaka'i Swamp Trail, Waimea Ahupua'a, Kona Moku [TMK (4)1-4-001:003]. Parcels are owned by the State of Hawai'i.

Once the consultation period is over, and if there are no major concerns presented, DOFAW will begin with construction work. No artifacts are expected to be encountered and areas near known resources will be avoided. 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, want to provide comments on the proposed project Area of Potential Effect (APE) and any historic properties in the APE, or want to suggest additional key contacts, please respond by January 1, 2025 via email to emma.yuen@hawaii.gov. Once the consultation period is over, and if there are no major concerns presented, DOFAW will proceed with the project. If any sites or artifacts are discovered during construction, all work will stop, the proper authorities will be notified, and an assessment of significance will occur.

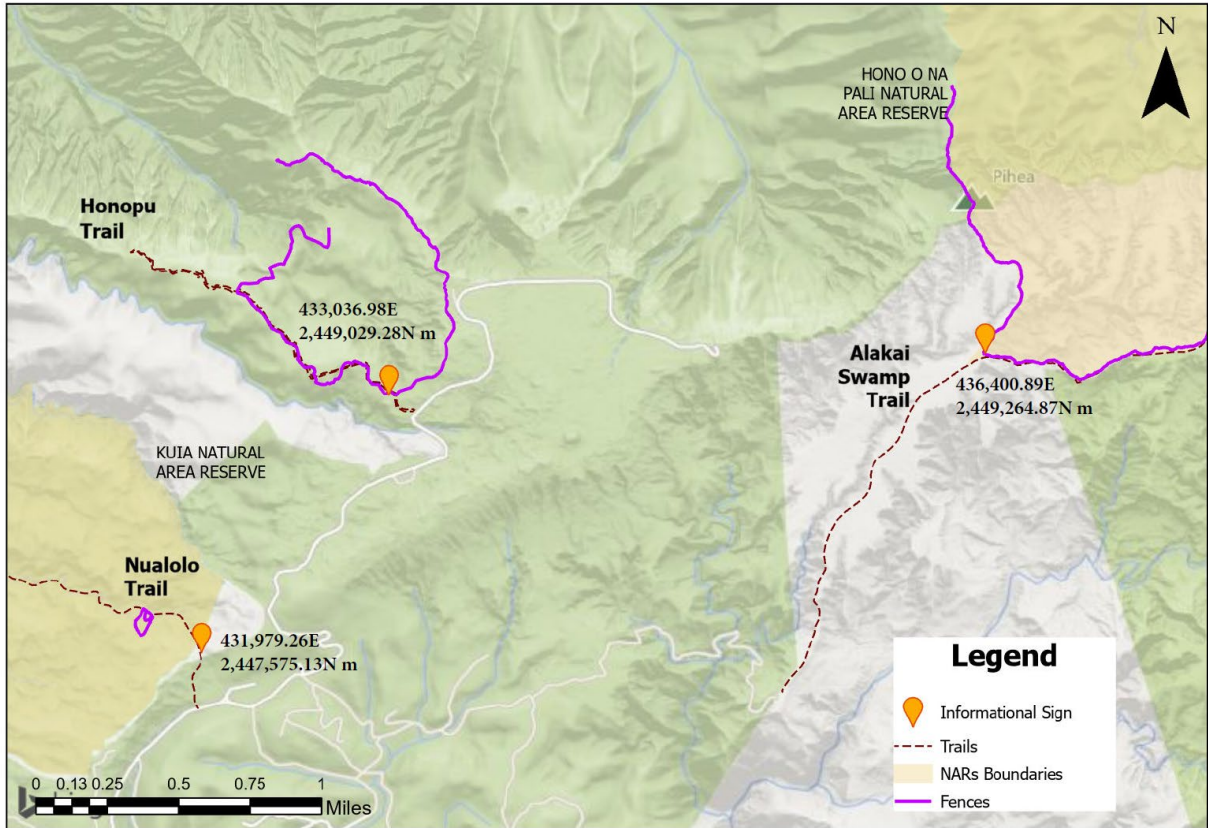
We value your assistance and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

/s/

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TMKs affected:
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Informational Signage Projected Locations

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Fig 1.
Location of proposed project