

Mauna Kea Ice Age

Island: Hawaii
Size: 3,894 acres
Elevational range: 10,000 - 13,441 feet
Year established: 1981
Date surveyed: Not yet surveyed
Description: Sparsely vegetated cinder and lava deserts on the southern summit flank of Mauna Kea include two rare communities: an invertebrate-dominated aeolian desert and the state's only alpine lake. Important archeological and geological features are also present.
Natural Communities: 4 total, 2 rare

RANK	NAME
1	Hawaiian Alpine Aeolian Desert
1	Hawaiian Alpine Lake
3	'Ohi'a Subalpine Dry Forest
3	Pukiawe Subalpine Dry Shrubland

Native Plants: 4 total taxa, 1 rare
Native Animals: 2 total taxa, 1 rare

Management Highlights: Managers will need to monitor vehicular trespass, litter and chemical leakage from nearby buildings, and disturbances associated with continued expansion of summit astronomical facilities.