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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
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Chairperson and Members
Natural Area Reserves System Commission
State of Hawai`i
Honolulu, Hawai`i

NARS Commission Members:

SUBJECT: SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION: MR. PAUL ATKINS,
MOANA PRODUCTIONS TO FILM LAVA FLOWS AND
SKYLIGHTS IN KAHUALE`A NATURAL AREA RESERVE.

BACKGROUND:

Kahauale`a Natural Area Reserve has been closed for safety reasons by action of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, with entry by Special Use Permit to be reviewed and approved by the full Natural Area Reserves System Commission (NARSC). Special Use Permits to film in Natural Area Reserves are also supposed to be reviewed and approved by the full Commission unless authority is delegated to staff as it is in some cases.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Staff erred in issuing a permit to Paul Atkins, Moana Productions, to film in Kahauale`a Natural Area Reserve; therefore it is being resubmitted to the full NARS Commission for review and approval. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval of this permit. Staff from either the NAR or Hawaiian Volcanoes Observatory (if it is within the stated mission of the Observatory) will be accompanying film crew.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the NARS Commission approve and forward the proposed actions/study to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for their review and further action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Division of Forestry and Wildlife