Natural Area Reserves System Commission  
Kalanimoku Building  
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Natural Area Reserves System Commission: 

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife has completed its review of the draft proposal for adding the Na Kula section of the Kahikinui Forest Reserve into the Natural Area Reserve System on Maui.

After a thorough review of the proposal, my Division of Forestry and Wildlife staff on Maui recommends approval to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission. They agreed that the proposal contains natural and geological features that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Natural Area Reserve program. Access to the proposed Na Kula Natural Area Reserve is currently closed but if access were available through this designation, it would benefit hikers, hunters and other forest users to this area. Public hunters would also be available to control ungulates in both the designated Natural Area Reserve and the top section of the state Forest Reserve.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife request your approval to my staff’s recommendations to include this area into the Natural Area Reserve System. Please call my office at 587-0166 should you have questions regarding our review of the Natural Area Reserve nomination.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Paul J. Conry  
Administrator

C: DOFAW, Maui Branch  
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