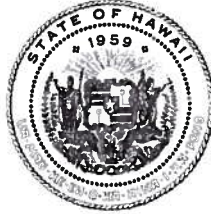


LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

December 1, 2009

LAURA H. THIELEN
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RUSSELL Y. TSUJI
FIRST DEPUTY

KEN C. KAWAHARA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATI. PARKS

Natural Area Reserves System Commission
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul J. Conry".

Paul J. Conry
Administrator

C: DOFAW, Maui Branch
DOFAW, NARS Administration