

Aloha Mauna Kea 'Ohana,

Please join us on October 7, 2014:

We wish to invite all who to come and join with us in traditional ceremonies to prepare a peaceful path of Aloha for Mauna Kea. The ceremonies will take place at Pu'u Hulu Hulu near the Saddle Road's 28 mile marker, across from the Mauna Kea access road and all will gather at the 'ahu Kupuna (the shrine built to honor the Mauna Kea Kupuna (elders) both the living as well as those whom have passed in to the realm of the ancestors).

Aunty Pua Case and other leaders from the Mauna Kea Hui will be conducting protocol workshops at the Waimea Gym at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday, October 28th. Please join us if you can!!!!

While all are invited to join us, we only ask that you allow the Hawaiian Cultural leadership to lead the sacred ceremonies and we ask all to observe all protocols and instructions issued by the leadership of the ceremonies—Mahalo!

Background

As many of you know, officials of California's controversial 18 story (with a foot print nearly 6 football fields in size) Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) have announced their plans to "break ground" at a previously undeveloped site near the mountaintop's north plateau, an area identified by the State Historic Preservation Division and archeologist as the part of the "sacred precinct" marked by thousands of traditional and modern 'ahu (shrines) encircling the entire summit region.

The TMT announcement comes at a time when groups and individual Native Hawaiian (Kanaka Maoli) Cultural Practitioners have filed two separate lawsuits. One lawsuit is heading to Hawaii's Supreme Court and challenges the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) issuance of a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) and a permit for construction. While the second lawsuit, filed in the third circuit court challenges BLNR's decision to grant the TMT a 79 year sub-lease and the Boards denial of Hawaiian Petitioner's request for a contested case on that sub-lease. At least four of the Petitioner's challenging the legality of the TMT have filed *Pro Se* (as individuals and without legal counsel or at least no council at this time).

To be clear, the TMT ground breaking announcement is untimely because legal challenges have been made and such challenges include fundamental questions, such as legality of the construction of the TMT in the Mauna Kea Conservation District and Hawaiians Rights under the constitution. Under American jurisprudence (the occupational rule of law, for which we as Kanaka Maoli submit to only under duress), affirms that the courts and only the court have the final say on questions of law and especially when those legal questions include constitutional questions such as the rights of Native Hawaiians to continue their cultural and religious practices they conducted for millennia atop Mauna Kea. The lands of Mauna Kea are the environment of their belief.

In short, until the courts have had time to review and decide the legal questions being posed by the Plaintiffs then the TMT should NOT interfere in the legal process and therefore should not be moving forward. To do so is to act with contempt of the court but also for the law abiding people of Hawai'i. The law is one check on the political process, so that, special interest and money are not allowed to run over the people and make a mockery of the courts or any system of justice.

A Sacred Space—Mauna Kea

I wish to pause for a moment to reflect upon the Mauna (Mountain) and I have extracted some writings from the past (“No Aloha or Aloha No”, 2001 and KAHEA: The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance publication: “Protecting Cultural Resources and Rights: Mauna to Makai”, 2010, by Kealoha Pisciotta) that were inspired by the Mauna that I share here:

Sometimes the actions of others can create an environment of non-peace such is the case with the TMT; and when this happens we are deeply saddened, our hearts become heavy with anger, resentment and defensive feelings come to the forefront of our beings. This is justified, understandable even reasonable when there is a need for justice. No matter if you are following the laws of the occupier (US) or the laws of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, all laws are a construct of civilization (made by man) for the purpose of helping us to live in peace and harmony. In this case, however we would be remiss if we did not honor the sacred nature of the Mauna and the Kanawai (law) that it demands—the law of Aloha.

Mauna Kea holds a special place on Earth, as it stands as a place of Peace and Aloha, not just for Hawai'i but for the World. Many sacred places of the world hold ancient wisdom bound in ritual and ceremony for this time in our history, to help us all heal ourselves and the world. Maun Kea is one of those places. It is because Mauna Kea resides in Wao Akua--the realms of the Akua (God and Gods); and that it specifically does not reside in the realms of Na Kanaka (Man). Therefore its sanctity is governed by the laws of the Heavens and not by the laws of Man. For it is only on Mauna Kea that one's breath can be seized in a moment never to be returned. This is because of the Kanawai.

So when we walk on the sacred ground, in the sacred realms we are bound by the laws of the Akua not our own. The Mauna was created by the Akua for man, so that he/she could learn the ways of the Heavens. And encoded in the very landscape of Mauna are the great songs of Creation—the first songs of Aloha and they were sung for us by the Akua to bring us into being and to help bring us into alignment with the Akua—Ke Akua, Na Akua ame Na 'Aumakua.

These are the love songs that set the first law of the land in motion--the law of Aloha. The Akua are the great composer of these songs and when sung, the Akua walk the earth with man; just as Tutu Pele honors us with her dance today. And when they show themselves on earth, their Aloha flows and envelops us in the beauty that surrounds us. Mauna Kea is the great magnifier so the songs of Aloha are magnified for all to hear.

Aloha is also a sacred word that comes from the time of Creation and Creator and although man can use it, man cannot profane it. When we utter the sacred words of

Aloha, we invoke the spirit of Aloha and when Aloha is in action it is felt on all levels and what is contrary cannot exist simultaneously. One can't be in the Aloha and the absence of it all at the same time. This means that each person engaged in Aloha is bound to the principles of truth and right action, eventually. And when Aloha is enacted, our actions are overseen by the Akua. Each participant can act as he or she chooses but is responsible for his or her own actions and intentions all the same.

This issue before us is not about *us* verse *them* it is about the unification of the people and re-imagining of the way we wish to live on Earth.

So we invoke Aloha in its highest order, we open our hearts so the Mauna can keep us safe and in right alignment with the Heavens and may all things righteous be fulfilled. Because in the end the TMT officials are bound by Aloha, as are we!

ALOHA NO!!!

For further reference relating to the US Occupation of Hawai'i by the United States of America, please see Keanui Sai's website and the Apology Resolution (Pub. Law 103-150, 1993) signed into law by Former President Mr. Clinton that admits the wrong doing.

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