

November 17, 2015

Suzanne Case
Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairperson Case:

By this letter, the University of Hawai'i clarifies and confirms that the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project site is the last new area on the mountain where a telescope project will be contemplated or sought.

UH will decommission three telescopes permanently and as soon as possible though all must be completed before TMT can go into operation. No new observatories will be constructed on those sites.

This letter shall constitute a legally binding commitment and may be regarded as a condition of the University of Hawai'i's current lease(s) and of any lease renewal or extension proposed by the University.

David Lassner

President, University of Hawai'i

Affirmed:

Suzanne Case

Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources