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Dear Mr. Clark:

SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-8 Historic Preservation Review – Archaeological Inventory Survey of 722 Acres with Three New Sites
Ka‘ōhe Ahupua‘a, Hāmākua District, Island of Hawai‘i

TMK: (3) 4-4-015:001 (por.)

This letter reviews the aforementioned report (McCoy, Nees, and Mintimer 2010; Draft Report Archaeological Inventory Survey of the Mauna Kea Access Road Management Corridor, Ka‘ōhe Ahupua‘a, Hāmākua District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: [3] 4-4-015: 01 [por.]) which we received on February 2, 2010. This report summarizes an archaeological inventory survey in which three new sites were recorded and one previously known site was relocated. Sites 50-10-23-27867, -27868 and 27869 are believed to be burial locations and as is standard for sites on Mauna Kea no archaeological testing is anticipated. These sites are considered significant under criteria “d” and “e” and we concur with that assessment. The previously identified site, -10314, a lithic scatter which is the by-product of adze and octopus lure sinker manufacture, has been considered significant under criteria “a” and “d” and we also concur with that assessment.

Data collection has been recommended for site -10314 because of its vulnerability to disturbance and loss of integrity and we agree. The three burials will be included in the Office of Mauna Kea Management’s upcoming burial treatment plan for Mauna Kea.

Before we can accept this report as final please correct the following:

- The significance assessments appear differently in the Executive Summary (i) and Significance Evaluations (7-2). We assume 7-2 was correct and that is reflected in this letter.

Because this is only one page of a large document you may want to have a staff member from your office take the draft back for page replacements (p. i and the title changes as the month will change with the new submission) in order to avoid a full reprint. If you have questions about this letter please contact Morgan Davis of our Hawaii Island Section at (808) 896-0514 or via email: morgan.e.davis@hawaii.gov.

Aloha,

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