FINAL REPORT

Architectural Inventory Survey of Hale Pohaku Rest Houses 1 and 2 and Comfort Station, Ka`ohe Ahupua`a, Hāmākua District, Hawai`i Island, Hawaii. TMK: (3) 4-4-015: 12 (por.)

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

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Photo1: Hale Pohaku Rest House 1

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The CCC had two main objectives – to employ hundreds of thousands of unemployed young men in conservation work and to provide vocational training, and later education training, for enrollees (Williams and Shapiro 2008). Nearly three million men were eventually enrolled in the CCC, working in National Forests throughout the United States and in U.S. Territories, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Williams and Shapiro 2008; National Park Service 2006). In the course of nearly a decade, before Congress abolished the CCC on June 30, 1942 as a result of the Unites States' entry into World War II, the CCC accomplished natural resource improvements that included reforestation, erosion control, invasive species eradication, firefighting, road and trail construction, telephone and electric line construction, and recreation facilities construction (Williams and Shapiro 2008; National Park Service 2006). The CCC was one of the most popular and successful of the New Deal programs (Williams and Shapiro 2008).

Enrollment periods lasted six months and enrollees could opt to re-enroll for additional six-month periods for up to two years. Four distinct enrollment categories existed – Junior enrollees; Local Experienced Men; World War I veterans; and American Indians and residents from U.S. Territories. Juniors comprised 85% of enrollees and were single men between the ages of 18 and 25, whose families were on relief aid. Two groups of older men, Local Experienced Men and Veterans of World War I each comprised 5% of enrollees. Territorial enrollees comprised 1% of total CCC enrollment and were not subject to age or marital status restrictions and were permitted to live at home and work on nearby projects (Williams and Shapiro 2008).

The CCC provided room, board, clothing, transportation, medical and dental care, and a monthly salary of \$30 per enrollee. The majority of the enrollees' salaries were sent home to their families, although the remainder could be spent on personal expenses (Williams and Shapiro 2008; National Park Service 2006). In the Territory of Hawaii, each enrollee was required to allot at least \$22 of his monthly pay to needy relatives (Tillett 1937).

The CCC was officially inaugurated in 1933 in the Hawaiian Territory under the supervision of the Territorial Forestry Commission and the Hawaiian National Park, but the first Corps work projects were not begun until 1934 (Bryan 1938a; Otis et al. 1986). By 1942, when the CCC camps in Hawai'i were closed in the wake of World War II, the following conservation works had been completed on the islands of O'ahu, Hawai'i, Maui, Molokai, and Kauai – the planting of 12 million trees on 24,000 acres of land; the construction of 175 miles of new forest reserve fence and the repair of 222 miles of old fence; the construction of 488 miles of roads and trails and 42 miles of telephone lines; the creation of erosion control dams and the seeding and sodding of eroded areas; the elimination of destructive range animals (goats, sheep, pigs); the collection of tree seeds and eradication of exotic plant species; the reduction of fire hazards and the development of public campgrounds, trail cabins, and shelters (Bryan 1938a; Dwight 1942; Tillett 1938).

In addition to the substantial natural resource conservation-oriented benefits provided by the CCC program to the Territory of Hawai`i and the economic benefit extended to the CCC enrollees' families, Corps administrators maintained that the program fostered the qualities of good citizenship. Acting Territorial Forester, L. W. Bryan, reported that:

In addition to the good done to the youth of this Island through giving them an opportunity to earn money we have tried to teach them to live together, to work, to learn some useful trade, to continue their education, to improve their health and to become better citizens. We feel that a large number of these boys have left our camps in a much better condition to go out in the world and earn their living and be better citizens (Bryan 1938a:16).

Others maintained that the CCC program fostered improved working relations, particularly as it pertained to enrollees' transition to employment in the local plantation economy. F. H. Locey, the President of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, wrote that:

It appears to me that the CCC camp is a kindergarten in a way. They take young boys in, do not work them too hard but harden them for normal employment. That is why I call it a kindergarten or a stepping stone to future labor (Locey 1940).

Following his visit to Hawaii in 1938 to inspect the ECW program, Director Robert Fechner reflected on the relationship between the CCC and the local plantations, stating that:

...our method of feeding enrollees, our provision for organizing recreation and our effort to help enrollees carry on their education had been of distinct interest to the plantation managers and had resulted in these features of plantation life being substantially improved (Otis 1986:Chapter 11).

In his estimation, Fechner felt that plantation conditions improved and once their enrollment with the CCC ended, enrollees were willing to return to work on the plantations.

The CCC aimed to supplement on-the-job training with a formal educational program. Approximately half of the CCC enrollees had less than an eighth-grade education and suffered from illiteracy. To remedy this situation, evening instruction in the camps taught remedial reading and writing skills, general education courses, and specialized vocational classes (Williams and Shapiro 2008). Furthermore, Director Fechner authorized the establishment of libraries in the Corps camps, which were stocked with forestry and conservation work periodicals and books (Maher 2008).

On Hawai'i Island, the CCC was instrumental in opening up the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve to increased tourist traffic. A number of CCC projects occurred in the Halepohaku vicinity, including the reconstruction of the Humu'ula Trail and the creation of an access road from Ho'okomo Ranger Station to Halepohaku. The Humu'ula Trail, reconstructed in 1936, extends from the Humu'ula Sheep Station, past Ho'okomo Ranger Station and Halepohaku to Lake Waiau and the Mauna Kea summit. Bryan commented on the significance of the CCC efforts in the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve:

The ease with which it is now possible to ascend this mountain has been made possible by the road and trail building activities of the CCC boys and much credit is due to this organization for the secondary road and trail which they have constructed from Waiki to Hookomo and on to the summit. Due to their efforts Mauna Kea has become accessible and during the past two years has been visited by thousands of people. Last winter it was not uncommon for over one hundred people to climb up to the snow line and beyond in a single day. As time goes on it is hoped that the road will be continued so that cars may be taken up to the Rest House at Halepohaku (Bryan 1938b:38).

In 1938, Bryan wrote that automobile traffic could reach to the forest fence above Ho'okomo, but at that point the road ended and from that point to Halepohaku, it was a distance of two miles. The distance from Halepohaku to Lake Waiau was another 5 miles and an elevation gain of roughly 3,500 feet (Bryan 1938b). At some point in 1939, the CCC improved the road from Ho'okomo to Halepohaku.

From the point to the rest house at Halepohaku it is only two miles and from there to the lake an additional five miles, making a total distance of seven miles to hike, from the point where the cars are usually left, to the shores of the lake. Visitors usually remain overnight at Halepohaku. ...From here to the lake and return by way of the summit is an easy day's hike and one well worth taking (Bryan 1939:11).

Bryan's reports and the Halepohaku Register Logs (1939, 1949) illustrate the tremendous tourist traffic resulting from the construction of the Halepohaku Rest Houses and the road. According to the register logs, Halepohaku was visited by ski enthusiasts, hikers, geologists, hunters, World War II servicemen, and local Boy Scout troops among others. Gary Cooper, a Hollywood film actor visited the rest house on March 5, 1939 (Halepohaku Register Log 1939:3).

THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC) ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Halepohaku Rest House 1 was constructed by members of the CCC in Hawai`i in 1936. Upon the first entry of the Halepohaku Register Log (1939), L. W. Bryan wrote that the "Halepohaku Rest Camp" was constructed by the CCC under the direction of the Territorial Division of Forestry by CCC Foreman Yoshinobu Hada.

A photograph from the L. W. Bryan Forestry Photograph Collection, which is housed at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum Library and Archives, illustrates Rest House 1 in an early stage of construction and is dated February 1936.



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The letters "Ha" and the date "1936" were inscribed into mortar near the doorway of Rest House 1 – presumably referring to Foreman Hada. In articles published in *Paradise of the Pacific*, Bryan physically describes Rest House 1 and identifies its' early usage, writing that:

Halepohaku is well named for the stone rest-house located there. This house is within the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and is available for use by any one. It is located in a sheltered spot, near 9,500 feet, at the upper edge of the timber line. Fire wood is plentiful and a 2,000 gallon water tank, fed by gutters from the house roof, furnishes a supply of good clean water. A 3 x 5 foot built in stove furnishes ample warmth and a suitable place to cook and the size of the fire box is such that the cutting of fire wood is an easy matter. The house door is never locked

and the only charge made is that each occupant is requested to leave the place clean, not to waste the water and to prepare a small supply of fire wood for the next fellow (Bryan 1936:69).

... Aside from a stove, a table and benches, this building is unfurnished. ... Halepohaku is only two miles from where the car is left and makes an excellent stopping place for the night (Bryan 1938b:9-10).

From 1933 to 1942, the CCC constructed buildings under the recommendations and guidelines of the USDA Forest Service. Ellis Groben served as the national consulting architect at this time. Groben stated:

No matter how well buildings may be designed, with but few exceptions, they seldom enhance the beauty of their natural settings (Otis 1986: Appendix E).

Groben preferred regional style promoting the idea of building within the climate and environment. Hawai'i Regionalism's distinctive features are the use of basalt, the metal clad gable / hip roof, wide eaves, and a large number of windows. This philosophy is similar to the rustic style defined here:

The nonintrusive concept was carried out through the use of horizontal lines, low silhouette, organic forms and scale, proportion, and texture of the building materials. Attention was paid to many details on these structures, assuring its harmony with the surroundings. Plans by the National Park Service required attention be paid to the details of all aspects of the park development, including culvert design and trail and road patterns. The quality of craftsmanship in these structures was high, as the CCC standards for work were high (Smith n.d.:13).

Halepohaku Rest House 1 is a one story, one unit, rectangular-shaped stone building constructed with uncut irregular courses of basalt, reflecting the Rustic / Regionalism style of architecture described above. The building is situated on a leveled section of cinder land, the surrounding landscape consists of various exotic grasses and Mamane trees. Rest House 1 measures 23' 4" in length and 19'4" in width. The building has a low pitch, side-gabled metal-clad roof, a roof framing system of principal rafters with common purlins, and an open rake with wide eaves. The east and west façades have fascia and board and batton construction. The offset wooden entry door is situated on the southern façade and is covered with a metal panel. A screen door is present in the doorway, it is unknown if this door is orginal. An inset cement porch with two stone and cement steps leads from the sidewalk to the entry. A single six-pane casement pivot window is located on the east facade, with a barrel-hinged iron shutter attached to the window's exterior. A wooden water tank is located at the southwest corner of the building; water catchment is enabled by a metal gutter system that runs along the north and south façades of the building on the west end the gutters drain into the water tank. The gutter system supported by a 4"x4" wooden beam that extends along the west façade and into an a'a lava outcrop. This building has an interior ceiling height of 8'2", there is one shelf suspended from the ceiling situated on the west wall. The interior floor consists of poured cement. A stone / brick stove is located in the northwest corner of the building's interior. A metal chimney extends from the stove at the northwest end of the building's exterior, buttressed within an a'a lava outcrop. Exterior and interior measurements of Rest House 1 have been documented to scale.

A second water tank is present west of the original water tank. The construction date of this second water tank is unknown but most likely post-dates that of the original. A cement sidewalk and light pole of recent construction are located roughly 1.5 m south of the building, along the building's southern façade, but the exact date of their construction is unknown. Aside from the second water tank, the cement sidewalk, and the light pole there are no further additions known to the interior or exterior of the building.

DIGITAL PHOTO LOG

Property: Halepohaku Rest House 1

Location: Hawaii, Hawaii

Photographers: Valerie Park / Jackie Walden

Date: October 15, 2009

Digital Photos located: Pacific Consulting Services Inc., 720 Iwilei Road Ste. 424,

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Photo 1, South Façade - Camera facing North

Photo 2, East Façade - Camera facing West

Photo 3, North Façade - Camera facing West Southwest

Photo 4, West Façade - Camera facing East Southeast

Photo 5, Water Tanks - Camera facing Southeast

Photo 6, Intials & Date - Camera facing North

Photo 7, Entry Steps - Camera facing North

Photo 8, Window, Exterior - Camera facing West

Photo 9, Window, Interior - Camera facing East

Photo 10, Stove, Interior - Camera facing Northwest

Photo 11, Door Knob, Interior - Camera facing West

Photo 12, Door Lock, Interior - Camera facing South

Photo 13, Chimney - Camera facing West Southwest

Photo 14, Gutter & Water Tank - Camera facing South Southeast

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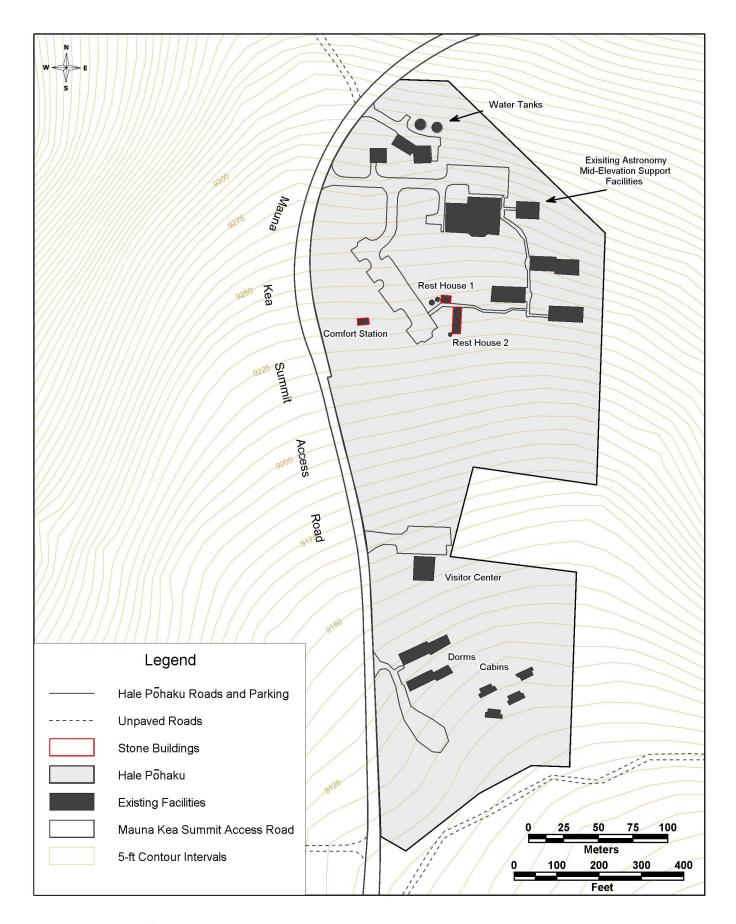
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Site Map - Hale Pohaku



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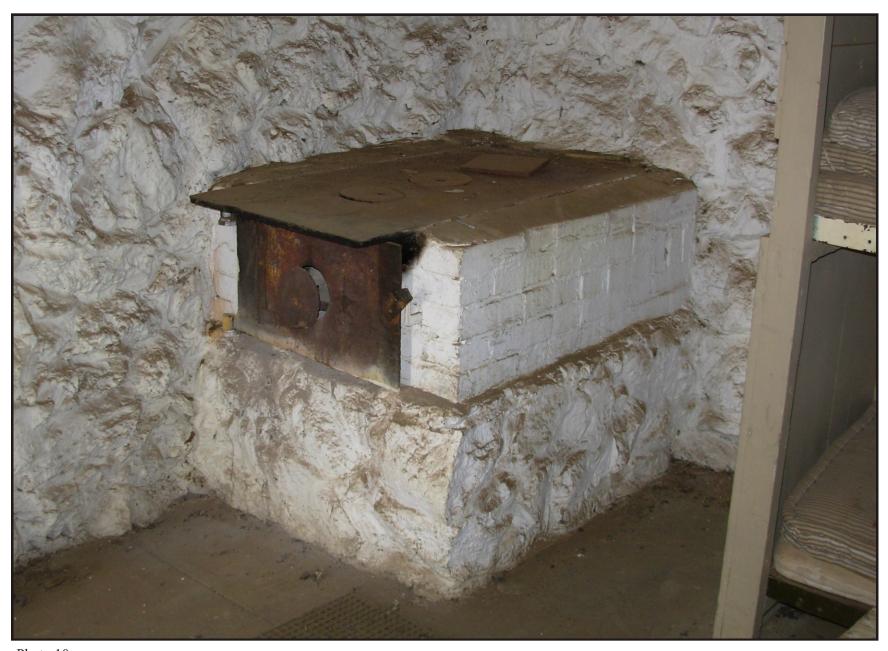


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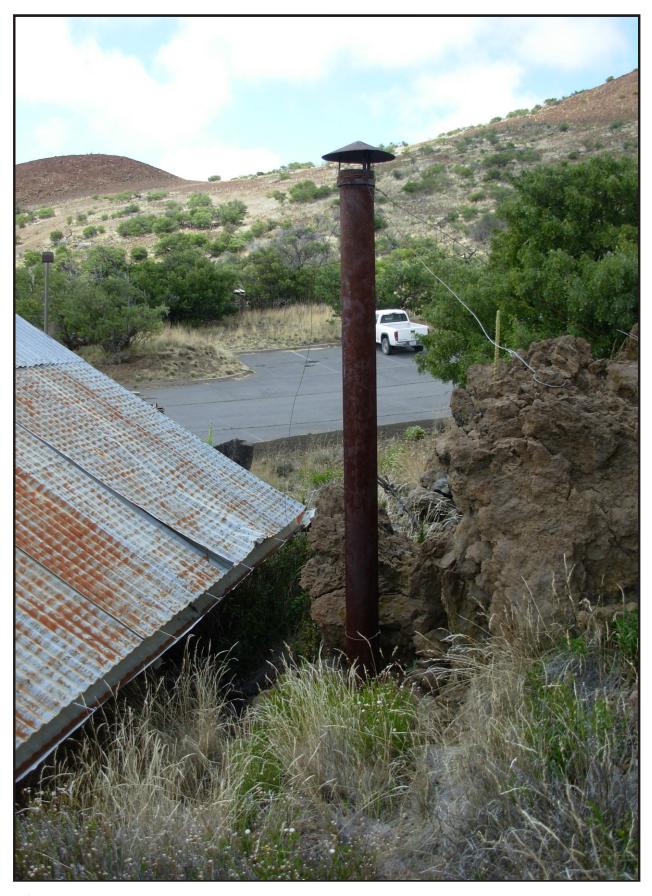
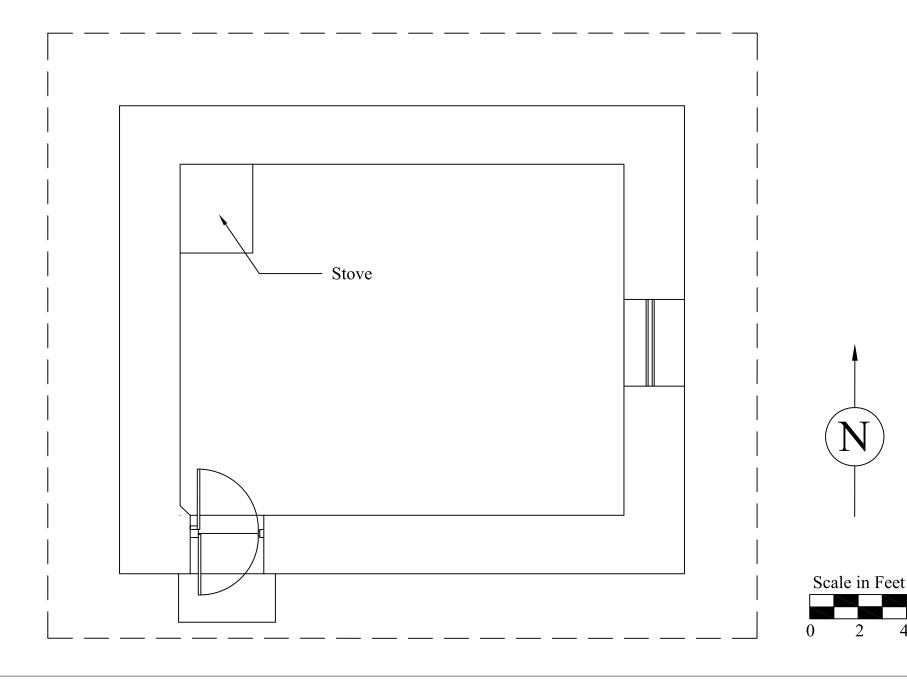


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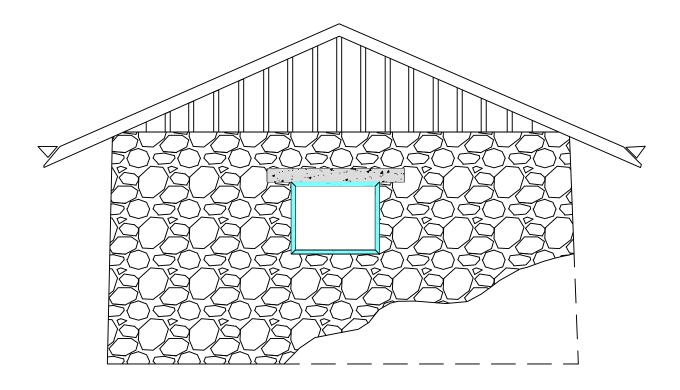


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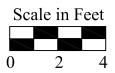
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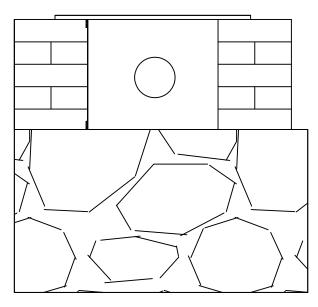
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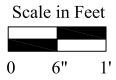
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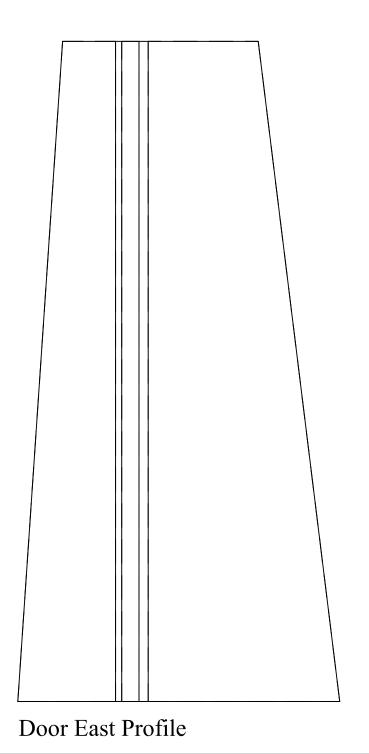


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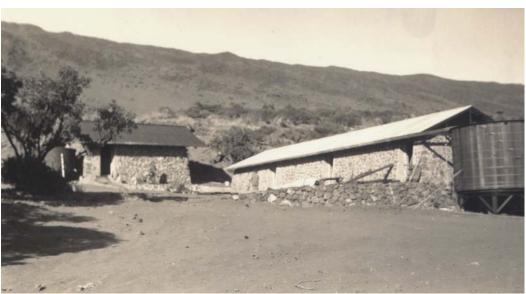
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The CCC had two main objectives – to employ hundreds of thousands of unemployed young men in conservation work and to provide vocational training, and later education training, for enrollees (Williams and Shapiro 2008). Nearly three million men were eventually enrolled in the CCC, working in National Forests throughout the United States and in U.S. Territories, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Williams and Shapiro 2008; National Park Service 2006). In the course of nearly a decade, before Congress abolished the CCC on June 30, 1942 as a result of the Unites States' entry into World War II, the CCC accomplished natural resource improvements that included reforestation, erosion control, invasive species eradication, firefighting, road and trail construction, telephone and electric line construction, and recreation facilities construction (Williams and Shapiro 2008; National Park Service 2006). The CCC was one of the most popular and successful of the New Deal programs (Williams and Shapiro 2008).

Enrollment periods lasted six months and enrollees could opt to re-enroll for additional six-month periods for up to two years. Four distinct enrollment categories existed – Junior enrollees; Local Experienced Men; World War I veterans; and American Indians and residents from U.S. Territories. Juniors comprised 85% of enrollees and were single men between the ages of 18 and 25, whose families were on relief aid. Two groups of older men, Local Experienced Men and Veterans of World War I each comprised 5% of enrollees. Territorial enrollees comprised 1% of total CCC enrollment and were not subject to age or marital status restrictions and were permitted to live at home and work on nearby projects (Williams and Shapiro 2008).

The CCC provided room, board, clothing, transportation, medical and dental care, and a monthly salary of \$30 per enrollee. The majority of the enrollees' salaries were sent home to their families, although the remainder could be spent on personal expenses (Williams and Shapiro 2008; National Park Service 2006). In the Territory of Hawaii, each enrollee was required to allot at least \$22 of his monthly pay to needy relatives (Tillett 1937).

The CCC was officially inaugurated in 1933 in the Hawaiian Territory under the supervision of the Territorial Forestry Commission and the Hawaiian National Park, but the first Corps work projects were not begun until 1934 (Bryan 1938a; Otis et al. 1986). By 1942, when the CCC camps in Hawai'i were closed in the wake of World War II, the following conservation works had been completed on the islands of O'ahu, Hawai'i, Maui, Molokai, and Kauai – the planting of 12 million trees on 24,000 acres of land; the construction of 175 miles of new forest reserve fence and the repair of 222 miles of old fence; the construction of 488 miles of roads and trails and 42 miles of telephone lines; the creation of erosion control dams and the seeding and sodding of eroded areas; the elimination of destructive range animals (goats, sheep, pigs); the collection of tree seeds and eradication of exotic plant species; the reduction of fire hazards and the development of public campgrounds, trail cabins, and shelters (Bryan 1938a; Dwight 1942; Tillett 1938).

In addition to the substantial natural resource conservation-oriented benefits provided by the CCC program to the Territory of Hawai'i and the economic benefit extended to the CCC enrollees' families,

Corps administrators maintained that the program fostered the qualities of good citizenship. Acting Territorial Forester, L. W. Bryan, reported that:

In addition to the good done to the youth of this Island through giving them an opportunity to earn money we have tried to teach them to live together, to work, to learn some useful trade, to continue their education, to improve their health and to become better citizens. We feel that a large number of these boys have left our camps in a much better condition to go out in the world and earn their living and be better citizens (Bryan 1938a:16).

Others maintained that the CCC program fostered improved working relations, particularly as it pertained to enrollees' transition to employment in the local plantation economy. F. H. Locey, the President of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, wrote that:

It appears to me that the CCC camp is a kindergarten in a way. They take young boys in, do not work them too hard but harden them for normal employment. That is why I call it a kindergarten or a stepping stone to future labor (Locey 1940).

Following his visit to Hawaii in 1938 to inspect the ECW program, Director Robert Fechner reflected on the relationship between the CCC and the local plantations, stating that:

...our method of feeding enrollees, our provision for organizing recreation and our effort to help enrollees carry on their education had been of distinct interest to the plantation managers and had resulted in these features of plantation life being substantially improved (Otis 1986:Chapter 11).

In his estimation, Fechner felt that plantation conditions improved and once their enrollment with the CCC ended, enrollees were willing to return to work on the plantations.

The CCC aimed to supplement on-the-job training with a formal educational program. Approximately half of the CCC enrollees had less than an eighth-grade education and suffered from illiteracy. To remedy this situation, evening instruction in the camps taught remedial reading and writing skills, general education courses, and specialized vocational classes (Williams and Shapiro 2008). Furthermore, Director Fechner authorized the establishment of libraries in the Corps camps, which were stocked with forestry and conservation work periodicals and books (Maher 2008).

On Hawai'i Island, the CCC was instrumental in opening up the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve to increased tourist traffic. A number of CCC projects occurred in the Halepohaku vicinity, including the reconstruction of the Humu`ula Trail and the creation of an access road from Ho`okomo Ranger Station to Halepohaku. The Humu`ula Trail, reconstructed in 1936, extends from the Humu`ula Sheep Station, past Ho`okomo Ranger Station and Halepohaku to Lake Waiau and the Mauna Kea summit. Bryan commented on the significance of the CCC efforts in the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve:

The ease with which it is now possible to ascend this mountain has been made possible by the road and trail building activities of the CCC boys and much credit is due to this organization for the secondary road and trail which they have constructed from Waiki to Hookomo and on to the summit. Due to their efforts Mauna Kea has become accessible and during the past two years has been visited by thousands of people. Last winter it was not uncommon for over one hundred people to climb up to the snow line and beyond in a single day. As time goes on it is hoped that the road will be continued so that cars may be taken up to the Rest House at Halepohaku (Bryan 1938b:38).

In 1938, Bryan wrote that automobile traffic could reach to the forest fence above Ho'okomo, but at that point the road ended and from that point to Halepohaku, it was a distance of two miles. The distance

from Halepohaku to Lake Waiau was another 5 miles and an elevation gain of roughly 3,500 feet (Bryan 1938b). At some point in 1939, the CCC improved the road from Ho'okomo to Halepohaku.

From the point to the rest house at Halepohaku it is only two miles and from there to the lake an additional five miles, making a total distance of seven miles to hike, from the point where the cars are usually left, to the shores of the lake. Visitors usually remain overnight at Halepohaku. ...From here to the lake and return by way of the summit is an easy day's hike and one well worth taking (Bryan 1939:11).

Bryan's reports and the Halepohaku Register Logs (1939, 1949) illustrate the tremendous tourist traffic resulting from the construction of the Halepohaku Rest Houses and the road. According to the register logs, Halepohaku was visited by ski enthusiasts, hikers, geologists, hunters, World War II servicemen, and local Boy Scout troops among others. Gary Cooper, a Hollywood film actor visited the rest house on March 5, 1939 (Halepohaku Register Log 1939:3).

THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC) ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Halepohaku Rest House 2 was constructed by members of the CCC in Hawai`i in 1939. Upon the first entry of the Halepohaku Register Log (1939), L. W. Bryan wrote that the "Halepohaku Rest Camp" was constructed by the CCC under the direction of the Territorial Division of Forestry by CCC Foreman Yoshinobu Hada.

Two photographs from the L. W. Bryan Forestry Photograph Collection, which is housed at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum Library and Archives, depict Rest House 2. The first photograph dated August 1939 illustrates Rest House 2 in an early stage of construction. The other photograph dated December 1939 shows a group of eight men standing in front of the completed Rest House 2. Bryan identified this group as "Foreman Hada and Boys."



"L.W. Bryan, Bishop Museum"



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According to the Halepohaku Register Log, Rest House 2 was constructed by Foreman Y. Hada and the following CCC "boys" – William Hussey, Roy Yasutake, Joseph Nobriga, Eddie K. Akana, Thomas Ohashi, Edwin Hacisenritter, William Kekakuaa (Truck Driver), Walter A. Hing (Cook), and Hereniao Palacato (Cook). Presumably some of these "boys" are depicted in the December photograph. On October 30, 1939, Foreman Hada wrote on behalf of himself and the "boys" that:

The building here is almost complete and we are about to leave for Waimea Base Camp. We like this place so much that we hate to leave but duty calls us for project elsewhere. ... We say with tears in our eyes by[e] but not for good (Halepohaku Register Log 1939:12).

It is of note that within the 1939 Register Log, Foreman Hada describes the construction of a "very beautiful library" within Rest House 2, noting that "all around the wall the floor was smooth with sandpaper and finish with shellack." Because the education of enrollees was a CCC goal, it is possible to infer that this library was used to house forestry and conservation-oriented publications and other general education materials.

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Halepohaku Rest House 2 is a one story, three unit, rectangular-shaped stone building constructed with uncut irregular courses of basalt, reflecting the Rustic / Regionalism style of architecture described above. The building is situated on a leveled section of cinder land, the surrounding landscape consists of various exotic grasses and *Mamane* trees. A retaining terrace is built along the eastern and southern façades. Rest House 2 measures 62' in length and 18' in width. The building has a low pitch, side-gabled metal-clad roof, a roof framing system of principal rafters with common purlins, and an open rake with wide eaves. The north and south façades have fascia and board and batten construction. Three offset presumably orginal wooden entry doors, numbered 1 to 3, are situated on the western façade and each door is covered with a metal panel. The inset entryway consists of a single cement slab. The interior of each unit consists of a poured cement floor, with a stone / brick stove located in the southeast corner of each unit and a metal chimney that extends from the stove to the exterior of the east façade. Each unit has a centered single sixpane casement pivot window located on the east wall with a barrel-hinged iron shutter located on the exterior of the window. Each room has an interior 8' height. The interior stone walls are painted. A shelf suspended from the ceiling is located on the southern wall of each unit, but it is unconfirmed if these shelves are original. Exterior and interior measurements of Rest House 2 have been documented to scale (attached).

A wooden water tank is located at the southwest corner of the building. It measures 34' in diameter. Water catchment is enabled by a metal gutter system that runs along the east and west façades of the building to the southern end where the gutter drains into the west side of the water tank. The gutter system is supported by three primary 2" x 4" wooden beams that extend outward from the board and batton along the southern façade and and three secondary 1" x 0.5" wooden beams that extend from the eaves.

Visible alterations include retouched mortar in various locations on the exterior of the building and on the retaining wall. A single six-pane casement pivot window in unit 2 has been replaced with a double pane sliding casement window. On the north wall of each unit an additional wooden wall abuts the original stone wall. Evidence of electrical updates are visible in each unit. Abutting the north end of the building, a sidewalk and a light have been installed. Dates of these alterations are unknown.

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| Photographers: | Valerie Park / Jackie Walden |
| Date: | October 15, 2009 |
| Digital Photos located: | Pacific Consulting Services Inc., 720 Iwilei Road Ste. 424, Honolulu, HI |
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- Photo 1, West Façade Camera facing Northeast
- Photo 2, North Façade Camera facing South
- Photo 3, East Façade Camera facing Southwest
- Photo 4, South Façade Camera facing North Northwest
- Photo 5, Water Tank & Gutter Camera facing West
- Photo 6, Window & Metal Shutter Camera facing West
- Photo 7, Unit, 1 Newer Window Camera facing Northeast
- Photo 8, Unit 3, Doorway, Exterior Camera facing Southeast
- Photo 9, Stove, Interior Camera facing East
- Photo 10, Chimney, Exterior Camera facing Northwest
- Photo 11, Terrace, Southeast Corner Camera facing Northwest
- Photo 12, Shelf, Interior Camera facing Southeast
- Photo 13, Northeast Corner Camera facing Southwest
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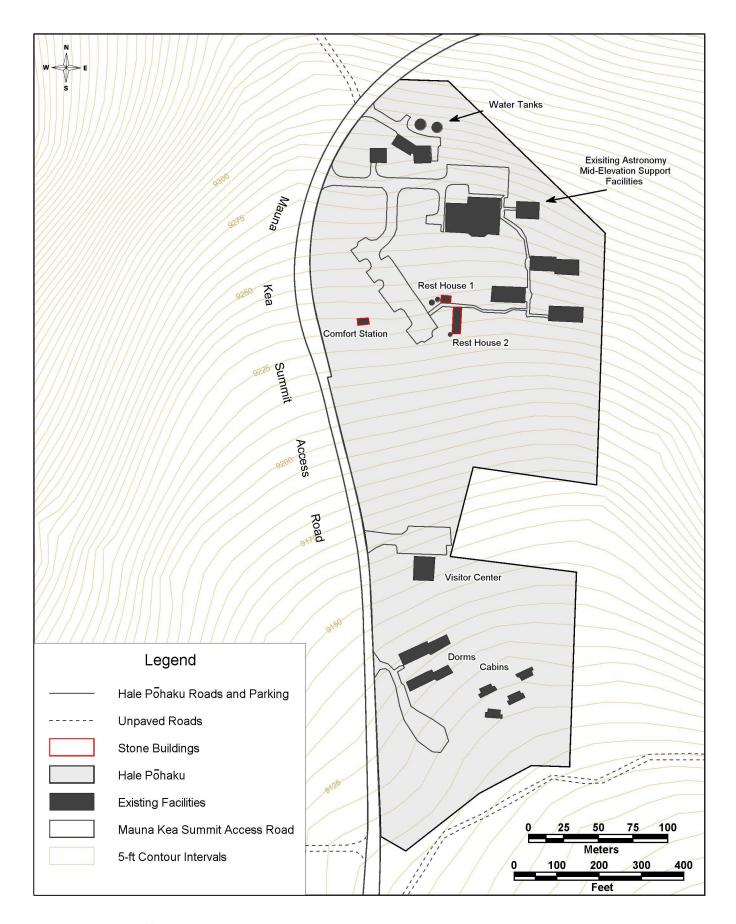
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Site Map - Hale Pohaku



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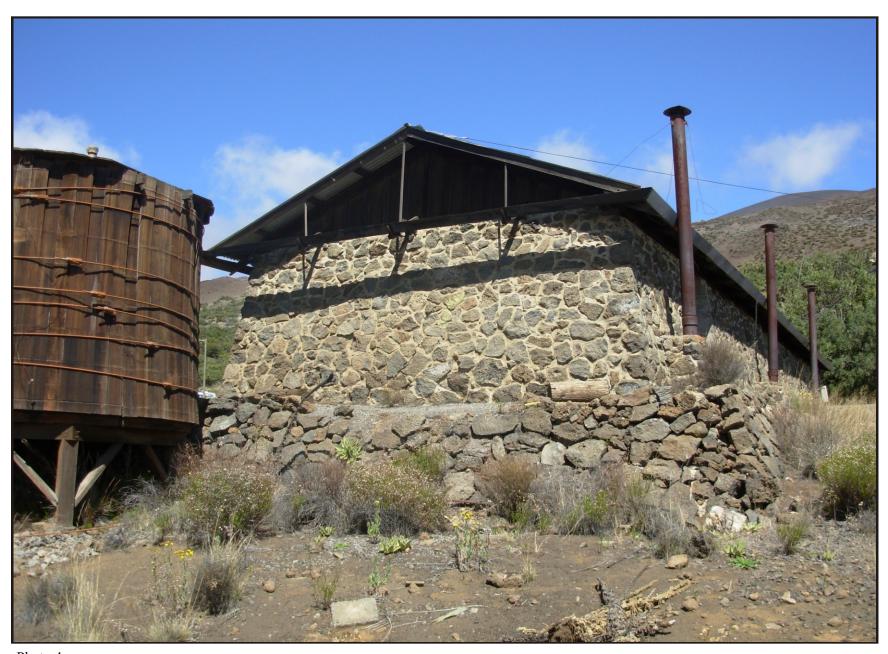


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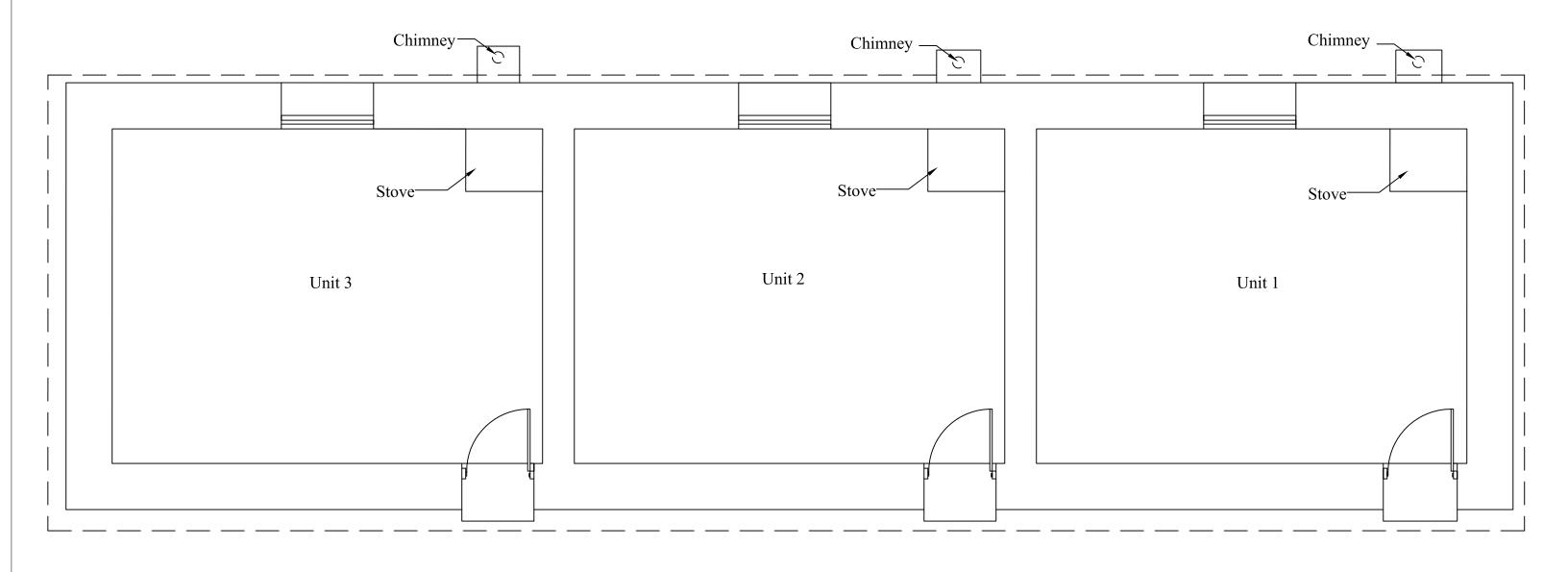


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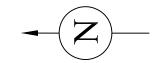


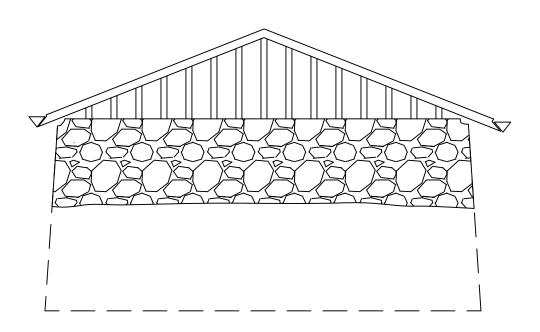
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Rest House 2 - Plan View

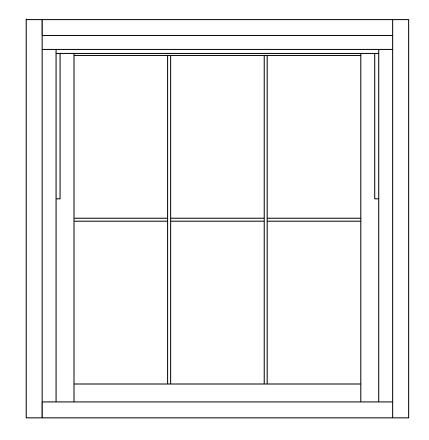




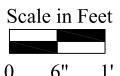


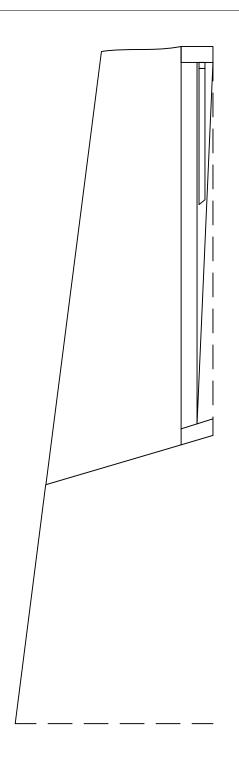
Rest House 2 North Facade

Rest House 2 - Unit 2



East Facade





Window Sill South Profile

Rest House 2

Door Frame South Profile

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

| Common Name: <u>Halepohaku Comfort Station</u> Historic Name, if known: <u>Comfort Station</u> Street or rural address: <u>Mauna Kea Access Road</u> City: <u>NA</u> Zip: <u>NA</u> County: <u>Hawaii</u> Present Owner, if known: <u>State of Hawaii DLNR / Managed by the University of Hawaii</u> |
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| Address if different from above: |
| Other Past Uses: DESCRIPTION |
| 7. Physical Appearance: |
| Style: Rustic Primary Exterior Building Material: X Stone Stucco Adobe Other Wood: Clapboard Shiplap Vertical Board Board and Batten Shingle Other Roof: X Side - Gable Hipped Other Roofing Material Corrugated Metal Panels Roof Trim: Closed Eaves X Overhanging Eaves Brackets X Fascia |
| Dormers:Gabled Hipped Shed Eyelid X None Porch: Inset Outset Open Enclosed Facade length |
| 8. Approximate Property Size: Frontage Depth or approximate acreage H-19 |
| 9. Is the feature Altered X Unaltered? Note when and what alterations on back of sheet. |
| 10. Surroundings: X Open Land X Scattered Buildings Densely Built-up Residential Commercial Industrial Other Historic Landscaping (describe in back) |
| 11. Is the structure \underline{X} on its original site moved unknown |
| 12. Year of initial construction $\underline{1950}$ This date is \underline{X} factual $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ estimated. |
| 13. Architect (if known) <u>Unknown</u> |
| 14. Builder (if known) <u>Department of Forestry</u> |
| 15. Related features: Barn Carriage House Outhouse Shed(s) Formal Garden(s) Windmill Water tank Garage Servants' or Guest House Other |



Photo 1: Halepohaku Comfort Station

SIGNIFICANCE

17. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance, including dates, events, and persons associated with the site, when and what alterations have been made (if known), note historic landscaping, if any:

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HALEPOHAKU COMFORT STATION - 1950

The Halepohaku Comfort Station is recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and Hawaii's State Register of Historic Places under Criterion A and Criterion C. This historic property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, thus fulfilling Criterion A. This historic property also embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, thus fulfilling Criterion C.

This building was constructed by the Territory of Hawai`i`s Division of Forestry in 1950 and is significant for its association with the development of public recreational Territorial parks. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was instrumental in opening up the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve to increased tourist traffic through the construction of two Rest Houses at Halepohaku. In 1950, the Division of Forestry of the Territory of Hawaii coordinated further recreational development of the Halepohaku Rest Camp area through the construction of a the Halepohaku Comfort Station (see site map).

The Halepohaku Rest Houses are representative of a Rustic / Regionalism style of architecture. Although the Halepohaku Comfort Station was not constructed by the CCC, it conforms to the architectural style of the CCC-era Halepohaku Rest Houses. Rustic design reflects the objective of maintaining a close, organic relationship with the natural setting. Recreational facilities constructed by the CCC blended manmade structures with natural settings by the use of local materials. The Regionalism architectural style had an emphasis on climate, landscape and culture that reflects U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service philosophy of the 1933-1942 era.

THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY OF THE TERRITORY OF HAWAI'I

On Hawai'i Island, the CCC was instrumental in opening up the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve to increased tourist traffic. After the dissolution of the CCC in 1942 at the onset of World War II, the Division of Forestry of the Territory of Hawai'i continued to develop the Halepohaku Rest Camp area as a recreational tourism locale. According to the Report of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry of the Territory of Hawaii for the biennial period ending June 30,1950, a stone comfort station was constructed in that year at Halepohaku by the Division of Forestry.

In 1954, in a biennial Report of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry of the Territory of Hawaii, Halepohaku is identified as an officially established Territorial Park (1954:77,79). At this time, the significance of the facility is described as follows – it enabled "several parties at a time to visit

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The Halepohaku Comfort Station is located roughly 27.0 m. east of the Mauna Kea Access Road. It is a one story, two unit, rectangular-shaped stone building with L-shaped core-filled rock walls on both the east and west façades. Construction consists of cut irregular courses of vesicular basalt, reflecting the Rustic / Regionalism style of architecture described above. The building is situated on a leveled section of cinder land, the surrounding landscape consists of various exotic grasses and *Mamane* trees. This building measures 34' in length and 13' in width. The Comfort Station has a low pitch, side-gabled metal-clad roof, a roof framing system of principal rafters with common purlins, and a closed rake with semi-open eaves.

There are two offset wooden entry doors situated on the east and west inner façades that lead to separate men's and women's restroom areas. The inset east entryway leads to the women's restroom area, which consists of an interior with a poured cement floor and three wooden stalls each containing a vault toilet, which are located along the southern wall. A metal sign reading "WOMEN" extends from the southern extent of the L-shaped core-filled rock wall on the east façade. The inset west entryway leads to the men's restroom area, which consists of an interior with a poured cement floor and an urinal and two wooden stalls containing a vault toilet, which are located along the southern wall. A metal sign reading "MEN" extends from the southern extent of the L-shaped core-filled rock wall on the west façade. The interior restroom units measure 7'3" in height with ceilings constructed of canec. The southwest corner of the men's restroom ceiling has collapsed above the urinal. A vent system is located on the southern and northern façades of the building, constructed of wood and screen. Exterior and interior measurements of the Comfort Station have been documented to scale (attached).

There are no visible or known alterations at this building.

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Photo 5, Top Surface of West Rockwall - Camera facing Southwest

Photo 6, Women's Restroom Doorway - Camera facing Northwest

Photo 7, Vent System, North Façade - Camera facing South Southwest

Photo 8, Men's Restroom Doorway - Camera facing South

Photo 9, Men's Vault Toilet, Interior - Camera facing South

Photo 10, Women's Metal Sign, Exterior - Camera facing North Northwest

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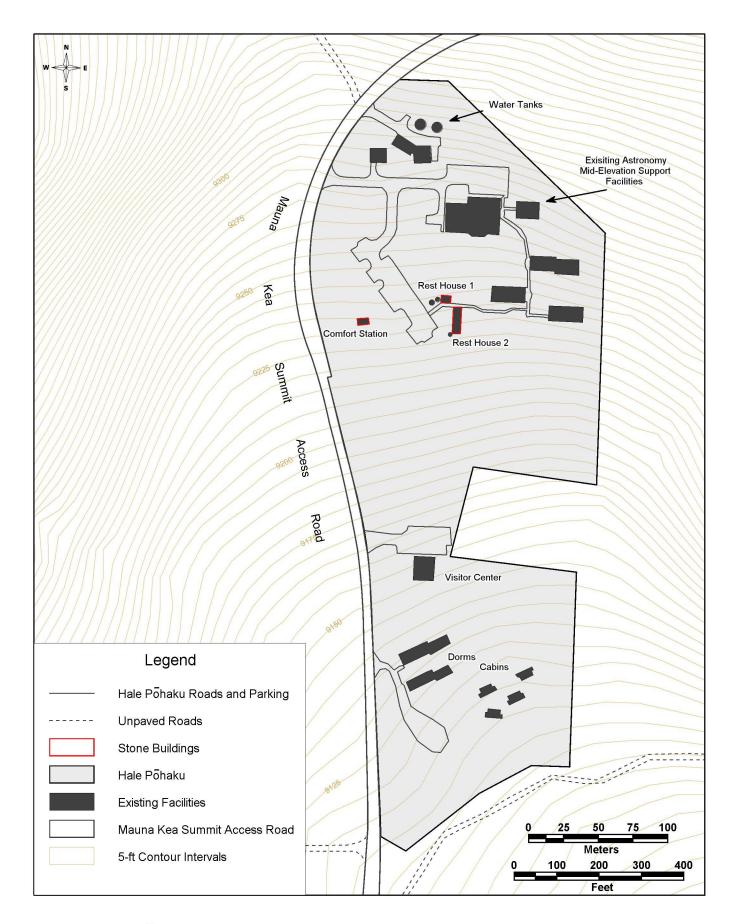
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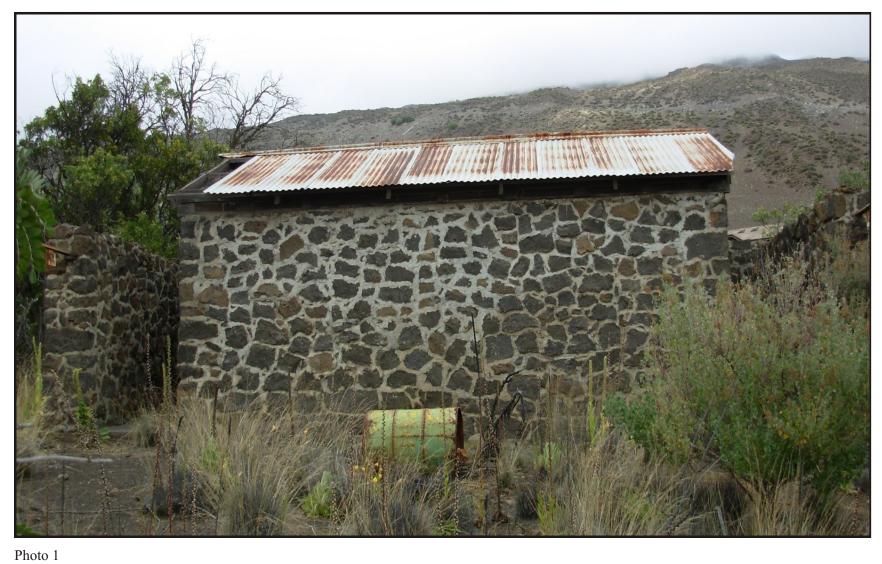




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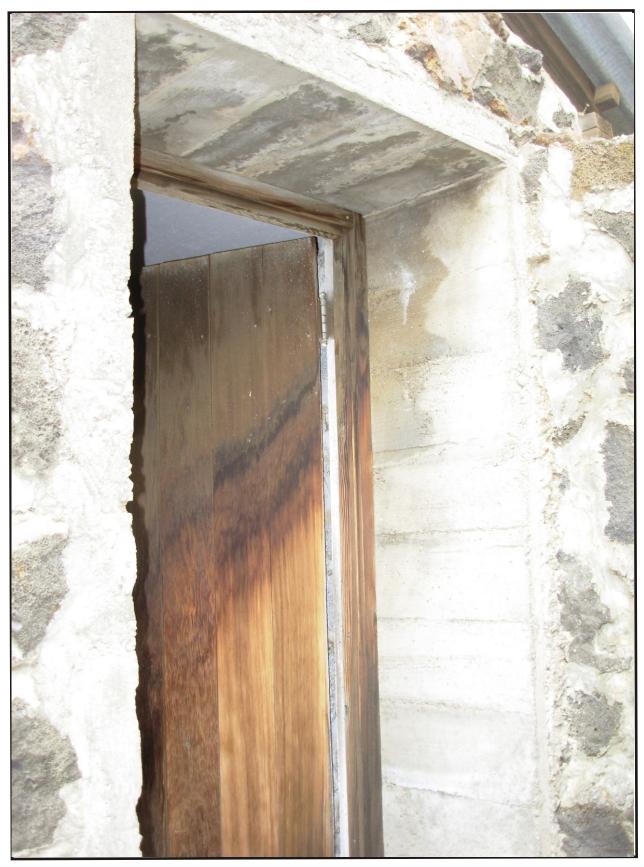


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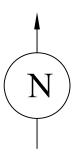


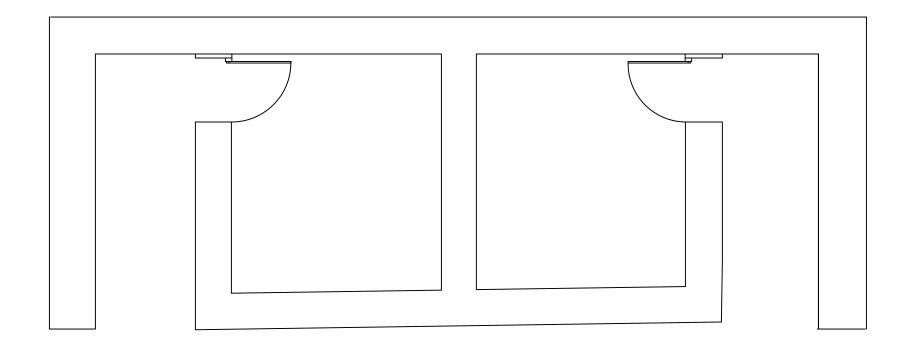
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Photo 10

Comfort Station Plan View







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Vent System - North Facade

