

November 30, 2013

TO: Keeper of the Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C.

Aloha Pehea 'oe,

This area is within the native cultural practice of my family and I believe that this very important area known as Kanehili must be preserved and protected by all means.

The former military area that was once known as Ewa Field and later Ewa Marine Air Station is not only a WW-II battlefield, it is also an ancient native Hawaiian cultural and burial area known for many karst caves and sinkholes. This area's cultural history has been told in the thousand year old chants of the Hawaiian goddess Hi'ikaka- Pele's sister.

This same area is also the location of ancient native Hawaiian trails identified in an 1825 Royal Navy published Oahu island survey by Lt. Malden. These important trails are 1000 years old and constructed by the Ewa Honouliuli area's first native Hawaiian immigrants that I am a descendant of.

This same area was also formally recognized as the National Register eligible "Leina a ka Uhane" –the Spirit Leaping off place for souls to the eternal homeland. Clearly everything points to the cultural importance and sacredness of this area, which must be preserved and I fully support all means to do this on every level possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Kumukauoha Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M' and 'L'.

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