Declare Project Exempt From Preparation of Environmental Assessment Requirements of
Chapter 343, HRS, and Title 11, Chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules
for
Job No. J00CF34B
Lava Tree State Monument Trail Improvements
Pahoa, Hawaii, Hawaii

The Board of Land & Natural Resources approved the award of the construction contract for the
subject project on July 10, 2015. Pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statues (HRS), and Chapter
11-200, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the attached Exemption Notification labeled Exhibit A
was prepared.

The project consists of modifying the slopes of the loop trail sections to be more accessible, widening
sections to provide by-pass and resting areas, and installing a trail information sign.

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8(A) and the Exemption List for the
Department of Land and Natural Resources as reviewed and concurred upon by the Environmental
Council on June 5, 2015, the subject project is exempt from the preparation of an environmental
assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, that states “Operations, repairs, or maintenance of
eexisting structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no
expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing”.

RECOMMENDATION:
Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed project as provided by Chapter 343,
HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, the project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the
environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Engineer

Requested by:

CURT A. COTTRELL, Administrator
Division of State Parks

Approved For Submittal:

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION
Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

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<td>Exemption Item Number and Description:</td>
<td>Item 15 which states, &quot;Minor alterations and repairs required to bring existing buildings, structures, facilities, and equipment into compliance with current building codes and applicable federal and state regulations&quot;.</td>
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<td>Recommendation:</td>
<td>It is anticipated this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.</td>
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Suzanne B. Case, Chairperson

Date: 5/31/16

EXHIBIT A