

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO
'OHU'OHU KO'OLAU, INC. TO CONDUCT WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON STATE LANDS ON THE ISLAND
OF O'AHU, TAX MAP KEYS: 5-3:11:09, 5-4:06:01, 7-2:01:06, 9-
7:26:01, 9-7:26:02

BACKGROUND

'Oahu 'Oahu Ko'olau, Inc. (OOKI), a 501(c)(3) organization, serves as the fiscal sponsor/"friends of" organization to the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership (KMWP). KMWP is a voluntary alliance of major public and private landowners working to protect forested mountainous areas of the Ko'olau Mountains on O'ahu. Since 1999, this organization has coordinated and conducted management activities across an area of nearly 100,000 acres of partner lands to protect and maintain the value of the watershed and to preserve what remains of the native forest through the removal of incipient weeds and control of feral animals. On August 4, 1999 the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with KMWP to participate in cooperative management activities. Subsequently, the Department has proposed and partially completed projects in the Poamoho, Kaluanui, Kaipapa'u/Ma'akua, and Waiawa lands (Exhibit 1) that include fence construction, invasive species removal, native tree and shrub planting, as well as monitoring. This Right-Of-Entry would establish the relationship between DLNR and OOKI-KMWP, and enable the organization to receive Federal funding to conduct these watershed management projects.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Declarations of exemption for the proposed management actions have been completed as part of the Waiawa Fence Watershed Protection Project on February 9, 2016 and the Ko'olau Forest Watershed Protection Project on October 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Authorize the issuance of a Right-of-Entry permit to 'Oahu 'Oahu Ko'olau, Inc. to conduct watershed management practices covering the subject area under terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated

herein and further subject to the following:

- a. The standard terms and conditions of the most current Right-of-Entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
- b. Written concurrence from the Permittee;
- c. Authorize the Chairperson to extend the term of the Right-of-Entry for good cause; and
- d. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson

Attachment

Proposed Right of Entry to Ohu Ohu Koolau, Inc.

