

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

March 24, 2017

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

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO THREE MOUNTAIN ALLIANCE FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON STATE LANDS ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII, TAX MAP KEY NOS.: (3) 1-8-012:003; 1-9-001:001; 2-4-008:009 (PORTION), 019, 021, 025 (PORTION); 8-8-001:005, 006, 007, 008, 010, 011, 012, 013; 8-9-006:001, 002, 014, 017; 9-1-001:002, 003, 005, 006, 007; 7-1-001:001, 002, 003, 004, 006 (PORTION), 007 (PORTION); 9-5-015:003 (PORTION); 9-6-006:009, 010, 015, 018; 9-7-001:001, 009, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022

BACKGROUND:

The Three Mountain Alliance Foundation (TMAF), a 501(c)(3) organization, serves as the fiscal sponsor/"friends of" organization to the Three Mountain Alliance (TMA). TMA is a voluntary alliance of major public and private landowners working to protect forested mountainous areas of the three mountains of Kīlauea, Mauna Loa, and Hualālai on Hawai'i Island. Since 2007, this organization has coordinated and conducted management activities across an area of nearly 1,116,300 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 May 3, 2007 the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TMA to participate in cooperative management activities. Subsequently, the Department has proposed and partially completed projects in the Pu'u Maka'ala, Ka'ū, Kipahoehoe, Manukā, and Pu'u Wa'awa'a lands (Exhibit 1) that include fence construction/maintenance, invasive species removal, native tree and shrub planting, as well as monitoring. This Right-Of-Entry would establish the relationship between DLNR and TMAF-TMA, and enable the organization to receive Federal funding to conduct these watershed management projects.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Environmental compliance for the proposed management actions have been completed as part of:

- Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

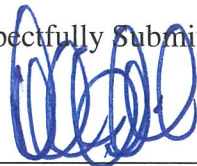
- for Pu‘u Maka‘ala Natural Area Reserve Management Plan (October 2013)
- Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Ka‘ū Forest Reserve Management Plan (October 2012)
- Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Kipahoe Natural Area Reserve (September 2002)
- Declaration of Exemption for Manukā Natural Area Reserve Protection Project (August 26, 2013)
- Declaration of Exemption for Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Forest Reserve Protection Project (July 12, 2013)
- Negative Declaration for Road Construction and Fencing in the Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a Wildlife Sanctuary (July 5, 1996)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

Authorize the issuance of a Right-of-Entry permit to the Three Mountain Alliance Foundation 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

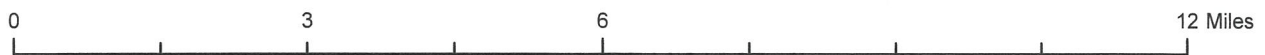
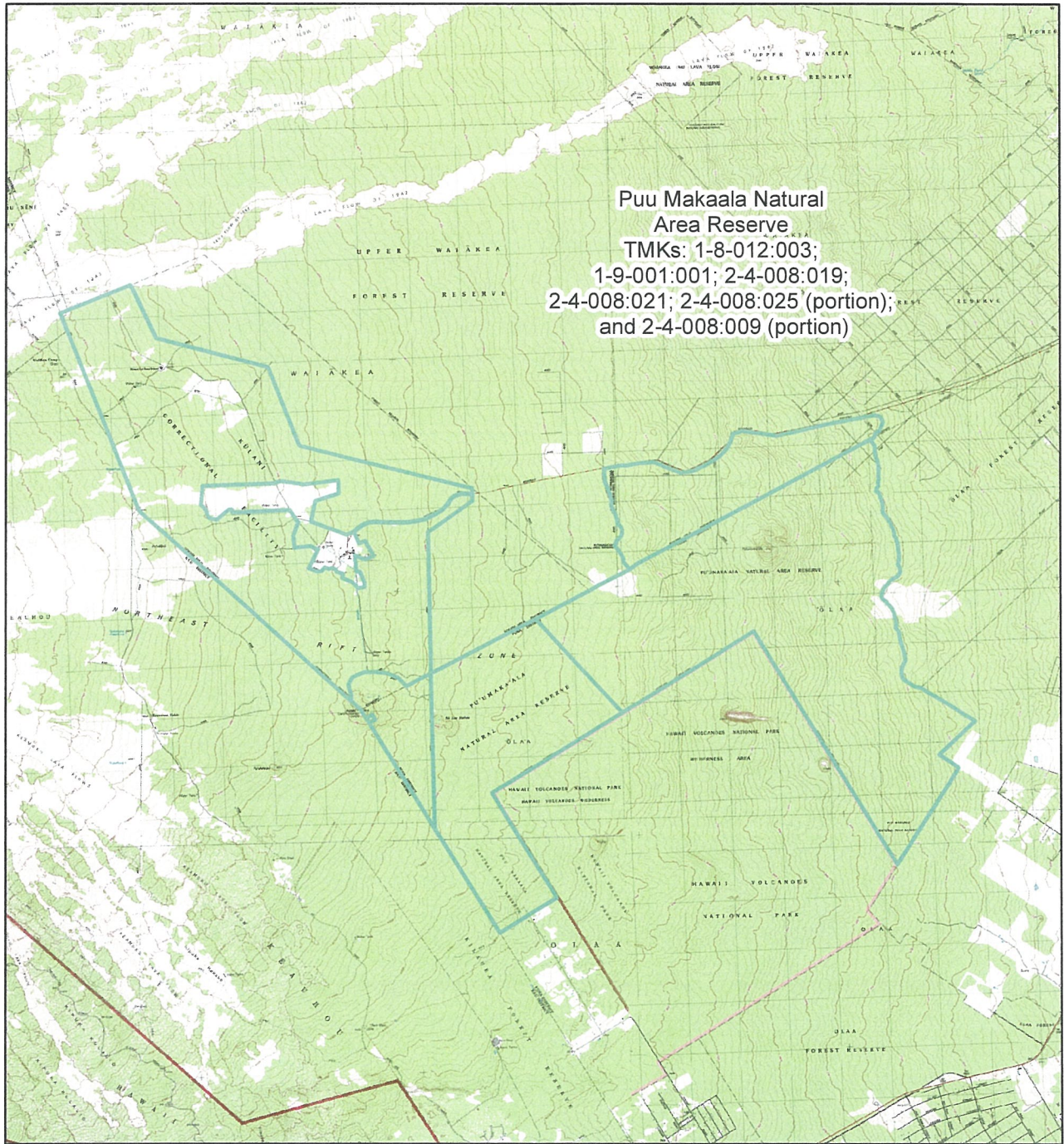
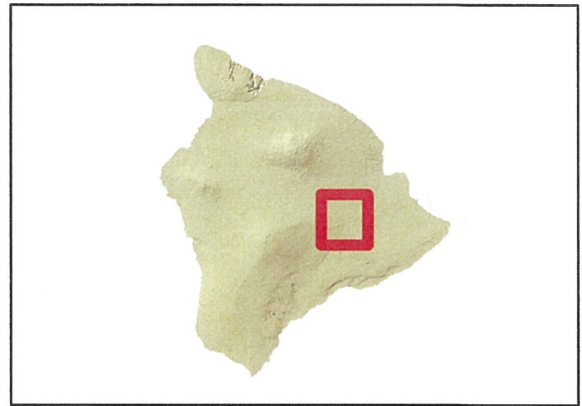
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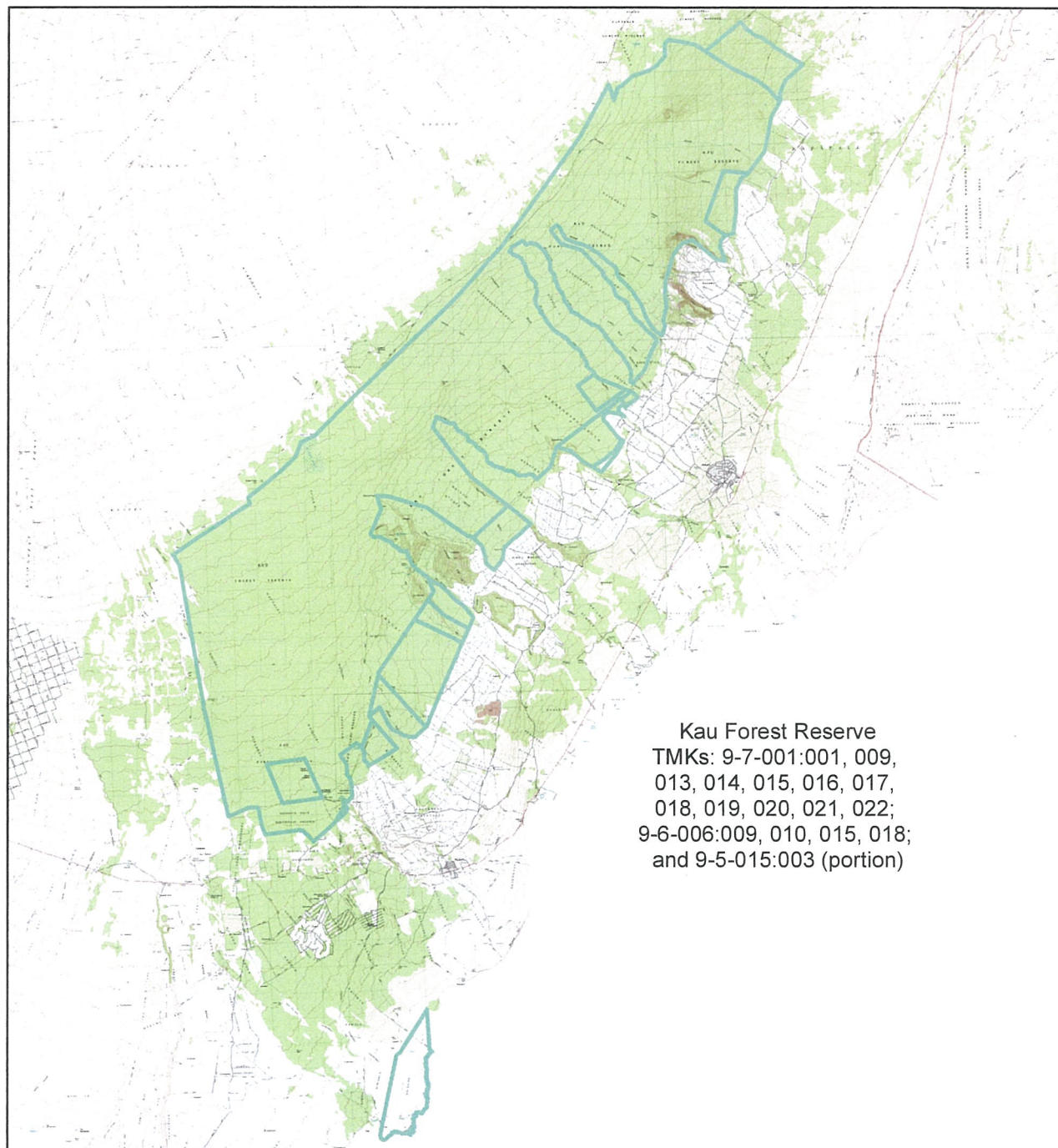
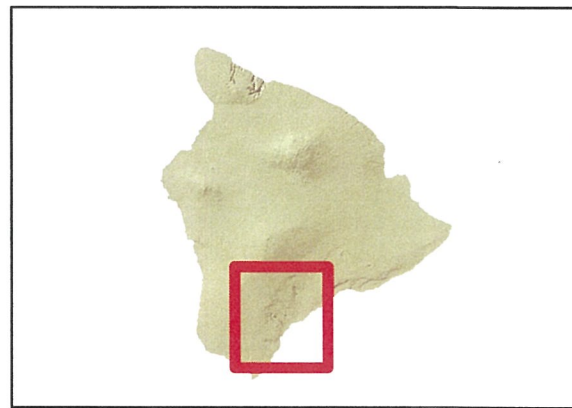
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Attachment

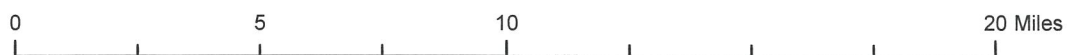
Proposed Right of Entry to Three Mountain Alliance Foundation Puu Makaala NAR



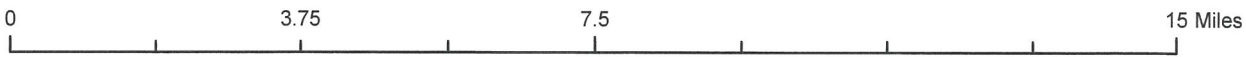
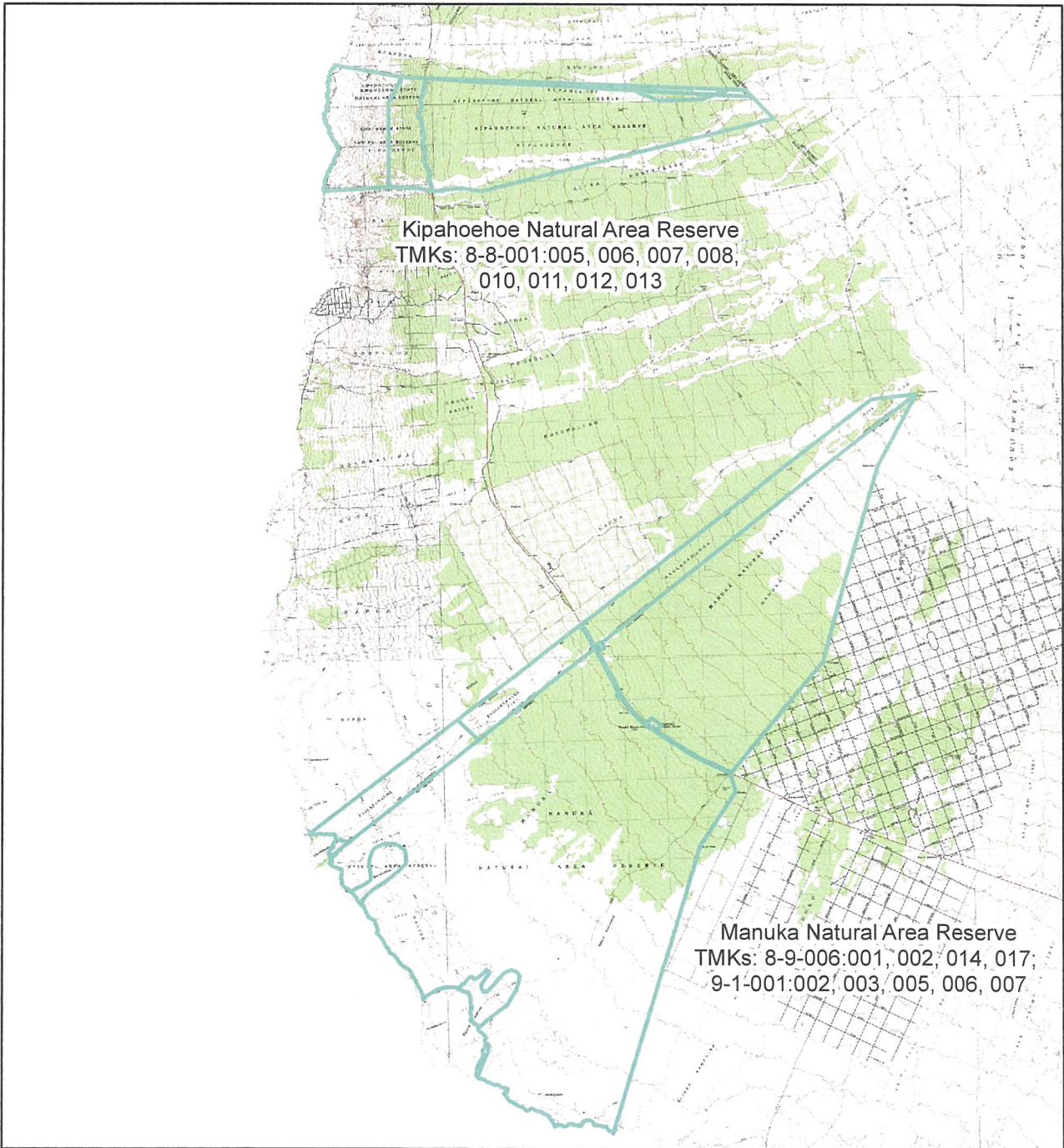
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TMKs: 9-7-001:001, 009,
013, 014, 015, 016, 017,
018, 019, 020, 021, 022;
9-6-006:009, 010, 015, 018;
and 9-5-015:003 (portion)



Proposed Right of Entry to Three Mountain Alliance Foundation S. Kona NARS



Proposed Right of Entry to Three Mountain Alliance Foundation Puu Waawaa

