

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

February 9, 2018

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMITS UNDER THE NA ALA HELE TRAIL AND ACCESS PROGRAM TO INCLUDE: BIKE HAWAII, HAWAII NATURE EXPLORERS, HIKE KAUA'I WITH ME LLC, OAHU NATURE TOURS, CUSTOM ISLAND TOURS LLC, KAUAI SOUTH TRAVEL, ALOHA NUI LOA TOURS INC DBA HIKE MAUI, HAWAII FOREST & TRAIL LTD, HIKING KAUAI LLC, NATIVE GUIDE HAWAII LLC, UNIQUE HAWAII EXPERIENCE LLC, BACKROADS, AND KONA ADVENTURE TOURS;

REQUEST APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 343, HRS, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE COMMERCIAL TRAIL ACTIVITIES;

AND,

REQUEST TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE BRANCH MANAGERS TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 13-130, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, RULES REGULATING HAWAII STATEWIDE TRAIL AND ACCESS PROGRAM

AND,

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON, AND THE ADMINISTRATOR AND BRANCH MANAGERS OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO DETERMINE AND APPROVE CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES (HRS) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF DECLARATIONS OF EXEMPTIONS, AS APPLICABLE, FOR AUTHORIZATIONS OR PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THE RULES REGULATING HAWAII STATEWIDE TRAIL AND ACCESS PROGRAM.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this submittal is to request board approval for various commercial trail activity permits and delegate authorities pursuant to HAR Chapter 13-130, Rules Regulating the Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program, to the Forestry and Wildlife Branch Managers, to act as the Authorized Representatives for applicable sections of Chapter 13-130.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §198D-4, the Na Ala Hele (NAH), Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program was established to plan, develop, and acquire land or rights for public use of land, construct, restore, and engage in coordination activities to implement a trail and access system in Hawaii. Pursuant to (HRS) §198D-11, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-130 were adopted in accordance with Chapter 91 HRS to carry out the purposes of Chapter 198D, HRS.

The approval of commercial trail tour activity permits is requested. Permittee applications are completed through an online system created by Na Ala Hele Staff and a Professional Design Company. The online application process allows limitation on group size, dates, and numbers of tours allowed on a specific trail, in addition to including safety mitigation measures taken by the permittee and a trail tour activity plan description. Once this information is submitted, a permit can be reviewed and then approved or denied.

These Commercial Trail Tour Permits will continue to be submitted and will frequently require approval from the Board. With the efficiency of the new online application process and because each permit will be specific to an island, approval for delegation of authority for Commercial Trail Tour Permits at the Branch Manager level is requested.

Subchapter 4 of Chapter 13-130 regulates activities within program trails and accesses, providing for certain prohibitions, restrictions, and protections necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 198D, HRS, and designates, where appropriate, certain responsibilities that may be carried out by Authorized Representatives, defines as, “a person designated to act for the board, the chairperson, or the administrator, including Na Ala Hele program staff, foresters and biologist, district land agents, conservation enforcement officers, and other persons”, pursuant to §13-130-2. The activities represented in those designation include issuance of permits and other authorities, as well as more routine day-to-day management tasks that are likely to be encountered in the field by staff.

The purpose of this submittal is request that Board approve that the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Branch Managers to be designated as the Authorized Representatives for the purpose of implementing Subchapter 4 of Chapter 13-130, as specified in the following table:

Table 1.

Section	Rule	Delegate of Authority
13-130-18	Obstruction of trails and access	Branch Manager
13-130-19 (a)	Trail and access activity restrictions	Branch Manager
13-130-19 (b)	Trail and activity access restrictions	Branch Manager
13-130-20	Protection of public property and resources	Branch Manager
13-130-28 (a)	Vehicles and transportation	Branch Manager
13-130-31	Audio devices and noise	Branch Manager
13-130-36	Trail and access activity permits	Branch Manager
13-130-37	General permit provisions	Branch Manager
13-130-38 (c)	Permit applications	Branch Manager
13-130-40 (d)	Permit procedures	Branch Manager
13-130-44	General commercial activity permit provisions	Branch Manager
13-130-46	Commercial activity permit criteria	Branch Manager

See Exhibit 3 for rules identified in the above table

The Branch Manager is the appropriate authority to approve these permits because they have the most knowledge regarding the geographic region in which the permits are being issued. They are also in direct contact with the trails specialist and other resource specialist on that island and can readily check the status and standing of permittees.

CHAPTER 343, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

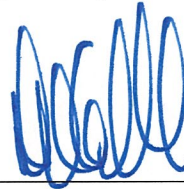
In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and Section 11-200-8, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources as approved by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015, the subject project is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to the exemption classes listed in Attachment A. See Exhibit 1

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Board:

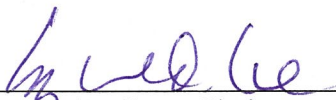
1. Approve Pending Commercial Trail Tour Activity Permits under the Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program.
2. Request approval of declaration of exemption to Chapter 343, HRS, environmental compliance requirements for these commercial trail tour activities.
3. Designate Division of Forestry and Wildlife Branch Managers as the Authorized Representative, as specified for the sections listed in the table above, pursuant to Chapter 12-130, HAR.
4. Authorize the Department Chairperson and Administrator and Branch Managers of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to determine and approve Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) environmental compliance requirements, including approval of declarations of exemptions, as applicable, for permits issued under the Rules identified in table 1.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Smith, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Exhibit 1: Pending Na Ala Hele Trail and Tour Activity Permits.

Exhibit 2: Declaration of Exemption

Exhibit 3: Chapter 13-130, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Rules Regulating Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program.



DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Division of Forestry and Wildlife
 Nā Ale Hele Trail and Access Program

Permit Number:

2017-01

Date Received:

6/16/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Bike Hawaii

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-168-921-4976-01

Address: 768 Onaha Street

City: Honolulu State HI Zip 96816

Phone: 8087344214 Email: tours@bikehawaii.com

Fax: 8087347301 Website: BikeHawaii.com

Insurance Carrier: K&K Insurance | 1/5/2017-1/5/2018

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as an additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
 (Attached)

Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
345 TVR	Ford	1638-C
222TVV	Ford	
RPP 521	Ford	
HMF 338	Ford,	

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Guests are told during booking and thru our brochures and website about appropriate attire for safe hiking. Safety Briefing conducted before entry to trail head.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Our staff (in-field and in-office) have smart phones with weather app to provide weather warnings. Weather cancellations: we provide a full refund to customers. As for injury, our staff are all CPR/First-Aid certified and carry cell phones and first-aid in case of need.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

We conduct volunteer clean-up in the areas we conduct business. We also brief guests to be quiet if we are in begin a neighborhood trail such as Manoa Valley.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

I am born and raised here on Oahu. I was an EMT with the local ambulance service, volunteered with Na Ala Hele as a Advisory Committee Member and conducted Trail Maintenance, and I authored of the book \Mountain Biking the Hawaiian Islands\". My company has successfully operated eco-tours here on Oahu since 1999 and have a current CTTA permit and authorized access to three privately owned properties where we conduct commercial eco-tours."

- Y There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
	<i>Hau'ula Loop Trail Kalawahine Trail Kealia Access Road & Trail Kuli'ou'ou Ridge Trail Manoa Falls Trail Maunawili Trail Ma'akua Ridge - Papali Trail</i>		

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: *(check your selection)* Y Monday Y Tuesday Y Wednesday Y Thursday Y Friday

Start time and duration of excursions: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM: 2 hours hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** *(refer to CTTA Tables)* **Fee Charged per patron:**

Mode of transportation: Bicycle, , Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

John Alford

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

John Alford

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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 Nā Ale Hele Trail and Access Program

Permit Number: **2017-02**
 Date Received: 6/18/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Hawaii Nature Explorers

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-030-281-1136-01

Address: 3001 Kaumana Dr.

City: Hilo	State: HI	Zip: 96720
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Phone: 8088952350 Email: kumiko@hawaii4u2c.com

Fax: 8085184538 Website: www.hawaii4u2c.com

Insurance Carrier: Pyramid Insurance Centre | 10/6/2016-10/6/2017

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
 (Attached)

Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
603HDP 622HDS	Ford Ford,	E350 E350 5735-C

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Outdoor safety is explained before the tour starts,

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Any injuries will be treated immediately. Patients will be transported to medical facilities if necessary. Tours may be canceled (especially the hiking portion) in adverse weather conditions.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

The main emphasis of all tours conducted by Hawaii Nature Explorers is natural history of Hawaii and conservation of natural resources. Supplemental tours are offered to cover the cultural and historical education.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

Kumiko Hasegawa Mattison has been an interpretive guide for more than 20 years in Hawaii.

- Y** There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y** There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y** The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y** I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
<i>Nounou-East Trail</i>			<i>Humu'ula Trail Kaūmana Trail Mauna Kea Access Road (R-1) Mauna Loa Observatory Road Muliwai Trail Pu'u Lā'au Road (R-1) Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail 'Āinapō Road 'Āinapō Trail</i>

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: *(check your selection)* **Y** Monday **Y** Tuesday **Y** Wednesday **Y** Thursday **Y** Friday

Start time and duration of excursions:

varies (tours are not regularly scheduled, arrangements made upon request by guests). No earlier than sunrise.- varies (tours are not regularly scheduled, arrangements made upon request by guests). No later than sunset.: depends on the trail hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** *(refer to CTTA Tables)* **Fee Charged per patron:**

Mode of transportation: 4-wheel drive, Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

Kumiko Hasegawa Mattison

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Kumiko Hasegawa Mattison

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Nā Ale Hele Trail and Access Program

Permit Number: **2017-03**
 Date Received: 6/20/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Hike Kaua'i with me, LLC

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-016-366-5920-01

Address: 745 SE 39th Court
 City: Hillsboro State: OR Zip: 97123

Phone: 8086398181 Email: kauaihiker1@yahoo.com

Fax: Website: hikekauaiwithme.com

Insurance Carrier: Sports Insurance Hawaii | 8/1/2016-8/1/2017

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
 (Attached)

Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
none (we meet our patrons at the trials),		

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Through our social media and on the trail

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

First aid kit, trained trail guide in these situations, working satellite phone for fire department assistance if necessary

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

My tours promote land conservation and educating and protecting native species.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

I have been a hiking trail guide for many operations, trained in first aid and search and rescue. Grew up in the mountains and fully understand what it takes to bring visitors into the wild and return them safely. Very experienced in Kaua'i's unique terrain.

- Y There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
<i>Awaawapuhi Trail</i> <i>Kuamoo Trail</i> <i>Kuilau Trail</i> <i>Moalepe Trail</i> <i>Nounou-East Trail</i> <i>Nounou-West Trail</i> <i>Nualolo Trail</i> <i>Powerline Trail</i>			

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: (check your selection) Y Monday Y Tuesday Y Wednesday y Thursday Y Friday

Start time and duration of excursions: 1/2 hour before sunrise-1/2 hour after sunset: 3-4 hours hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** **Fee Charged per patron:**

(refer to CTTA Tables)

Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

Eric Rohlffs

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Division of Forestry and Wildlife
 Nā Ale Hele Trail and Access Program

Permit Number: **2017-04**

Date Received: 6/20/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Oahu Nature Tours

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-036-889-3952-01

Address: 1649 Kalakaua Ave Suite #201 Honolulu, HI

City: Honolulu	State: HI	Zip: 96826
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Phone: 8089242473

Email: natureguide@oahunaturetours.com

Fax: 8089245395

Website: https://www.oahunaturetours.com/

Insurance Carrier: Tokio Marine Specialty Insurance Company | 9/6/2016-9/6/2017

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*

✓ (Attached)

Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model		PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
NWF 007	Ford	E450	1637-C
RWR 314	Ford	E450	
RZF 167	Ford	E450	
RSF 807	Ford	E450	
PJJ 604	Chevrolet	Express 3500	
RBD 397	Ford,	E450	

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Tours will be conducted in small groups of 12 guests per guide. Prior to the hike, the guide will give the guests a safety briefing. During the hike the guides will monitor their groups safety.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Our guide will call the office and advise of any injury or weather emergencies

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

Our tour focuses on the history and nature of Manoa Valley

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

Our guides have a great passion for nature. Our guides have a scientific degree/background that they use to teach our guests about the history, flora and fauna of Manoa Valley

- Y There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the [rules and regulations](#) of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
	<i>Manoa Falls Trail</i>		

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(check your selection)

Start time and duration of excursions: 8:00 AM-5:30 PM: 4 hrs

Number of Excursions per day:	2	Group Size: <small>(refer to CTTA Tables)</small>	24	Fee Charged per patron:	55
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Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

Michael Walther

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Michael Walther

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Division of Forestry and Wildlife
 Nā Ale Hele Trail and Access Program

Permit Number: **2017-05**
 Date Received: 6/22/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Custom Island Tours, LLC

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-094-092-4928-01

Address: 2015 Lime St. #901

City: Honolulu State HI Zip 96826

Phone: 8082161410 Email: CustomIslandTours@outlook.com

Fax Website: CustomIslandTours.com

Insurance Carrier: Atlas Insurance | 12/23/2016-12/22/2017

Insurance Policy: Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as an additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.
 (Attached)

Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
TBT634	Dodge	414-C
RRG266	Chev	
926TVU	Chev	
SCD227	Chev	
RVG920	Dodge,	
	Grand Caravan	

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **N**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Patrons will be guided by tour directors that are familiar with the trail. They will advise of proper footwear and items needed for the hike such as water, sunscreen, etc.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Windy and Rainy weather will be considered before starting the hike. Hazards such as falling rocks or tree branches will be discussed. In case of emergency the guide will call 911. Guides are certified in CPR and First Aid. In case of adverse weather conditions, guide will cut the hike short, or will cancel the hike.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

Our guides are well informed about the biology, geology, and history of the island of Oahu, and the Hawaiian islands. The tours would be a simple hike, informing tourists about the plants etc. while enjoying the natural beauty.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

We have been giving tours on Oahu for 5 years. One of our tour guides used to work for Oahu Nature Tours, so he has a lot of knowledge about the birds and plants. Myself and another tour guide are really into the Geology. I took Geology of the Hawaiian Islands at KCC. Most of our tour guides have lived here most of their lives, some are part Hawaiian, so we've all shared our knowledge of the island. I have hiked most of the tours on this island.

- Y There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
<i>Hau'ula Loop Trail</i> <i>Kalawahine Trail</i> <i>Kealia Access Road & Trail</i> <i>Kuli'ou'ou Ridge Trail</i> <i>Manoa Falls Trail</i> <i>Maunawili Trail</i> <i>Ma'akua Ridge - Papali Trail</i> <i>Nu'uaniu Trail</i>			

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(check your selection)

Start time and duration of excursions: 7am-5pm: 2 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** **Fee Charged per patron:**
(refer to CTTA Tables)

Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

Carey S. Johnson

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Carey S. Johnson

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Nā Ale Hele Trail and Access Program

Permit Number:

2017-06

Date Received:

6/25/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name:

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

Fax: Website:

Insurance Carrier:

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as an additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
 (Attached)

Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
KCR009	Ford, Transit	3614-C

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **N**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

A safety briefing will be conducted by the guide before engaging on the activity. Basic knowledge about how to properly ascend and decent trails, staying hydrated, and wearing the proper equipment will be covered.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

The guide is CPR and First aid certified and will carry first aid equipment at all times. Cell phones will also be carried on tour. In the event an injury that impairs the guest the ability of heading back to the trail head to be taken to the nearest hospital, the guide will call 911 to ask for help. A weather check will be done the night prior to the tour and the morning of the tour. No tours will go out if under any kind of advisory watch or warning.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

I believe the trails where I will be guiding are safe environments, kept by the state of Hawaii, where I will be able to guide my guest, share the knowledge about our islands unique natural and cultural

history, and teach them the importance of respecting our environment while enjoying the beauty of our backcountry in a healthy way.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

I, Maria Camero, owner and operator of Kauai Soul Travel, have being a tour guide since 2004. My knowledge and love for Kauai drove me to open my own company in 2013 after completing a two year degree in Tourism at KCC. I am CPR and First aid certified and make sure to refresh this knowledge once a year. I am also part of the Kauai Emergency Response team which has added invaluable knowledge to my curriculum. I operate all of my tours and take a lot of pride making sure that the knowledge I impart to my guest comes from trustworthy sources. Ultimately my goal with every tour is to keep my guest safe, while promoting a healthy activity, and provide them with a memorable Kauai experience.

- Y** There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y** There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y** The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y** I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
<i>Awaawapuhi Trail</i>			
<i>Kuamoo Trail</i>			
<i>Kuilau Trail</i>			
<i>Moalepe Trail</i>			
<i>Nounou-East Trail</i>			
<i>Nounou-West Trail</i>			
<i>Nualolo Trail</i>			

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: *(check your selection)* **Y** Monday **Y** Tuesday **Y** Wednesday **Y** Thursday **Y** Friday

Start time and duration of excursions: 9:00 AM-1-2:00 pm: 4-5 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** *(refer to CTTA Tables)* **Fee Charged per patron:**

Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

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Maria Camero Fraga

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Maria Camero Fraga

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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Aloha Nui Loa Tours, Inc. dba Hike Maui

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-130-901-8112-01

Address: 285 Hukilike Street, B-104, Kahului, HI

City: Kahului	State: HI	Zip: 96732
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Phone: 8088795270 Email: alex@hikemaui.com

Fax: 8088932515 Website: hikemaui.com

Insurance Carrier: New Hampshire Insurance Company | 8/15/2016-8/15/2017

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
LCP111	Ford	E-350
LGD154	Ford	E-350
LFH035	Ford	E-350
LEZ374	Ford	E-350
LFH682	Ford	E-350
LEW851	Ford	E-350
LGD155	Ford	E-350
LFH681	Ford	E-350
LEU155	Ford	E-350
LEF031	Ford	E-350
LEK086	Ford	E-350
LFH683	Ford,	E-350
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **N**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Through education

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Current First aid and CPR certifications, cellular phone contact, monitoring of weather condtions

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

We are an eco-friendly tour company that respects our local communities, and has minimal impact on the environment. We also educates guests concerning the same.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

All our guides are trained in Ethno-Botany, Geology, and Hawaiian history. Hike Maui has been successfully leading tours on the island of Maui for over thirty years.

- Y** There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y** There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y** The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y** I have read the [rules and regulations](#) of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
		<i>Ohai Loop Trail and Overlook Waihee Ridge Trail Waikamoi Ridge</i>	

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: (check your selection) **Y** Monday **Y** Tuesday **Y** Wednesday **Y** Thursday **Y** Friday

Start time and duration of excursions: 9:00-14:00: 0:00 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** (refer to CTTA Tables) **Fee Charged per patron:**

Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

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Alex Preiser

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

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Permit Number: **2017-08**

Date Received: 7/4/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Hawaii Forest & Trail, Ltd

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: W20465612-01

Address: 73-5593 Olowalu St, Ste#A, Kailua Kona, HI

City: Kailua-Kona	State: HI	Zip: 96740
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Phone: 8083318505 Email: dberman@hawaii-forest.com

Fax: Website: www.hawaii-forest.com

Insurance Carrier: Philadelphia Insurance Company | 9/1/2017-9/1/2018

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*

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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <i>(if transporting patrons)</i>
KIPUKA	Freightliner	PVan
UALA	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
KUPAOA	Ford	Transit
PUHALA	Ford	Transit
FOREST	Dodge	Sprinter
PALILA	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
WAIAU	Ford	Girardin
KEWAI	Ford	Expedition
TRAIL1	Ford	Aerolite
HAPUU	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
HHU088	Ford	Bus
KOU	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
WAUKE	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
IUKA	Ford	Aerolite
647HDT	Toyota	Tundra
IIWI	Ford	Aerolite
KOLOA	Mercedes-Benz	M2CA170
AKEPA	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
ULUHE	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter
MAMAKI	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter

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NAHOKU	Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter	
LAUKOA	Ford	Transit	
POOULI	Ford	Aerolite	
HOHOLA	Ford	Expedition	
ZCR731	Ford,	Transit	

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? Y

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Physical requirements in tour descriptions, safety talk given to guests at start of trail, For Puu Laau, we provide brightly colored vests due to access in hunting area. Guests are always with guide on trail.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

We have support staff and managers available at all times to assist with emergencies and evacuations if needed. In case of severe injury, emergency services are also contacted for support.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

We primary provide bird watching tours in puu laau and puu oo. Guides provide natural history interpretation and information to teach guests about Hawaii's unique lands and inspire conservation.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

Have been operating under CTTA permit in these areas for about 20 years. Company is owned and operated by Rob and Cindy Pacheco.

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- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
			<i>Humu'ula Trail</i> <i>Kaūmana Trail</i> <i>Mauna Kea Access Road (R-1)</i> <i>Mauna Loa Observatory Road</i> <i>Muliwai Trail</i> <i>Pololū Trail</i> <i>Pu'u Lā'au Road (R-1)</i> <i>Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail</i> <i>'Āinapō Road</i> <i>'Āinapō Trail</i>

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: Y Monday Y Tuesday Y Wednesday Y Thursday Y Friday
(check your selection)

Start time and duration of excursions: early as 6:30am-late as 7:00pm (not to exceed sunset time):
10-2 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** **Fee Charged per patron:**
(refer to CTTA Tables)

Mode of transportation: 4-wheel drive, Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

Robert J Pacheco

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Robert J Pacheco

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Permit Number: **2017-09**
 Date Received: 7/5/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Hiking Kauai, LLC

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE058366464001

Address: PO BOX 1250 Lawai, HI

City: Lawai	State: HI	Zip: 96765
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Phone: 8086514205 **Email:** tabmatsumoto@gmail.com

Fax: **Website:** www.hikingtourskauai.com

Insurance Carrier: Panua Insurance Agency | 10/1/2016-10/1/2017

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*

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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
none (we meet our patrons at the trials),		

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? N

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Trekking poles and crampons will be provided if the guests' feel they need them. It is a guided tour therefore, the tour guide will be with guests throughout the hike.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

In the occasion of adverse weather, tours will be canceled. In the event of an emergency I will assess injured person, call for help if necessary or direct them to the nearest hospital or urgent center.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

While on tour, guests will be educated on the local flora and fauna, folklore, history while keeping them safe. I will also recommend museums, gardens, and local business if guests show interest.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

CPR certified. Local knowledge of land, landmarks and geographic locations.

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- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the [rules and regulations](#) of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
<i>Awaawapuhi Trail</i>			
<i>Contour Road</i>			
<i>Kuamoo Trail</i>			
<i>Kuilau Trail</i>			
<i>Moalepe Trail</i>			
<i>Nounou-East Trail</i>			
<i>Nounou-West Trail</i>			
<i>Nualolo Trail</i>			
<i>Powerline Trail</i>			
<i>Wailua Forestry Management Road</i>			

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(check your selection)

Start time and duration of excursions: 1/2 hour before sunrise-1/2 hour after sunset: 4 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** **Fee Charged per patron:**
(refer to CTTA Tables)

Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

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Tab Matsumoto

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Tab Matsumoto

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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Permit Number: **2017-10**

Date Received: 7/13/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Native Guide Hawaii, LLC.

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-082-224-7424-01

Address: HC2 Box 6908

City: Keaau	State: HI	Zip: 96749
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Phone: 8089827575

Email: nativeguidehawaii@gmail.com

Fax:

Website: www.nativeguidehawaii.com

Insurance Carrier: Monarch Insurance | 4/14/2017-4/14/2018

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*

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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
HCP980	Toyota, Sienna	5752-C

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Safety Orientation for guests. Small Group Size. Private Tour. One on one with myself.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Basic First Aid, Cell Phone, cancellation in event of adverse weather.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

All of my tours are one on one with myself. I teach concepts of Malama Aina and Leave No Trace. My program combines environmental education and interpretation with the culture, geology, and history of Hawai'i.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

I have been conducting my educational tours for over 11 years. I am a former school teacher, (Waiakea Elementary, Kua O Ka La PCS), and Resources Manager, and Cultural Resources Manager with Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. BA in Anthropology from the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the [rules and regulations](#) of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
			<i>Humu'ula Trail</i> <i>Kaūmana Trail</i> <i>Mauna Kea Access Road (R-1)</i> <i>Mauna Loa Observatory Road</i> <i>Muliwai Trail</i> <i>Pololū Trail</i> <i>Pu'u Lā'au Road (R-1)</i> <i>Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail</i> <i>'Āinapō Road</i> <i>'Āinapō Trail</i>

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(check your selection)

Start time and duration of excursions: 9:00am-3:00pm: 6 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** **Fee Charged per patron:**
(refer to CTTA Tables)

Mode of transportation: Pedestrian

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Warren J. Costa

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Warren J. Costa

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Permit Number: **2017-11**
 Date Received: 7/27/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Unique Hawaii Experience LLC

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: GE-059-419-6480-01

Address: PO Box 2268, KIHEI HI

City: Kihei	State: HI	Zip: 96753
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Phone: 8084637010 Email: uniquehawaiiexperience@gmail.com

Fax: Website: www.UniqueMauiTours.com

Insurance Carrier: United States Fire Insurance | 3/21/2017-3/21/2018

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as an additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
LCZ 018	Ford, Expedition	PUC 4935-C

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **N**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

We require to have a phone conversation with customers prior to booking hiking tours in order to assess fitness levels, hiking experience, any injuries, and available equipment. Before each hike, guides will have a chat with the group to assess current ph

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

All our guides are CPR/1st aid certified. We have an injury report form, as well as an emergency response plan in the vehicle at all times. Medical centers, towing services, taxi services, and basic safety rules are detailed in it (attached)

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

Our company's vision is to become a reference of excellence, sustainability, and responsibility, in the Hawaiian tourism industry. We take advantage of a personalized, private, custom tour to educate people about the importance of respecting the environment and local culture, and strive to make them relate to their own environment so they can take the reflection home.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

The owner-operator of the company, Delphine, has 15 years of experience in the tourism industry, in particular sustainable tourism. She worked 3 years with the Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism in Puerto Rico, traveled to over 40 countries, and obtained an MBA in Sustainable Tourism from James Cook University in Australia. On Maui, she has volunteered for the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project (tree planting in Nakula reserve), the Surfrider Foundation, NOAA, and is a regular service trip leader for the Friends of Haleakala. While working with Pacific Whale Foundation in 2013, she took 100+ hours of class training about the Hawaiian environment and wildlife, has recently attended two Maui Mauka training sessions, regularly attends conferences and events related to the environment and culture, and is taking Hawaiian language and cultural classes at UH Maui. Creating this company is allowing her to make her own decisions with regards to sustainability practices. We are applying for sustainable certification from the Hawaiian Ecotourism Association and aim at obtaining the certificate within our first year of operation. Our sustainability policy is attached--although please not that this is our starting point, and always a work in progress as we move towards satisfying all the requirements for the Sustainable Certification.

- Y There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
		<i>Boundary Trail Haleakala Ridge Lower Waiohuli Trail Mamane Trail Ohai Loop Trail and Overlook Plum Trail Polipoli Trail Redwood Trail Tie Trail Upper Waiakoa Trail Upper Waiohuli Trail Waiakoa Loop Trail Waihee Ridge Trail Waihou Spring Trail Waikamoi Rid</i>	

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: *(check your selection)* Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Start time and duration of excursions:

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** *(refer to CTTA Tables)* **Fee Charged per patron:**

Mode of transportation:

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Delphine Berbigier

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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Permit Number: **2017-12**
 Date Received: 8/8/2017
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Backroads

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: RV-130-844-8768-01

Address: 801 Cedar St., Berkeley, CA

City: Berkeley	State: CA	Zip: 94710
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Phone: 5102922751 Email: pamf@backroads.com

Fax: 5105271444 Website: www.backroads.com

Insurance Carrier: Steadfast Insurance Company | 2/1/2017-2/1/2018

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as on additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model	PUC License or Docket Number <i>(if transporting patrons)</i>
P40 FHD	Ford, Transit	3571-C

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Before we begin the hike, our trip leaders will explain the route, outline safety issues, point out known hazards, and detail safe behavior. Once the guests begin the hike, leaders will provide on-trail support and respond if anyone is in need of assistance.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

All of our trip leaders are certified in First Aid and CPR. Each trip leader carries a first aid kit and cell phone. In the event of an emergency, the trip leaders will escort the guest(s) to safety and transport them by van from the trailhead as necessary.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

Backroads is passionate about active travel. We aim to connect guests more authentically with the world by providing hiking, cycling & cultural experiences. We pride ourselves on delivering high quality itineraries and providing exceptional customer service. Responsible travel is at the core of our philosophy. The majority of our traveling is on two feet or two wheels. However, we also recognize that any travel has an impact, so we do everything we can to make that impact positive. All Backroads leaders are extensively trained to minimize impact on the environment: we practice Leave No Trace principles on the trail, recycle whenever possible in all the regions we travel, and donate leftover foods to various community programs. Most importantly, Trip Leaders provide information to guests about the environmental challenges facing a region and the importance of conservation.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

All Backroads trip leaders go through an extensive training program before leading trips (including cooking skills, public speaking, decision-making, customer service ethics, vehicle drive training, accident protocol, environmental awareness and impact, company policies, procedures, and mission statement, etc.). Leaders also must pass an internal five-day drive school (learning to safely drive and maintain 15-passenger vans and tow a trailer). All leaders who are scheduled to work in Hawaii are paid for a period of time to explore the region prior to leading their first trips to become familiar with the area and routes. Backroads provides leaders with extensive internal manuals about the area and the specific logistics of the region and itineraries (over 200 pages of materials), plus access to an extensive library of books and maps. When a leader who is new to the region is scheduled, they are always paired with a leader who has a minimum of one year of trip leading experience in the region. These region familiarization trips last from 2 to 6 days in length.

As a company we promote the practices of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly. Before each day's activity, trip leaders give a briefing to guests in which they are reminded to always stay on trails, pack out all waste, and leave the areas encountered undisturbed.

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- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
<i>Awaawapuhi Trail</i> <i>Nounou-East Trail</i> <i>Nounou-West Trail</i>	<i>Hau'ula Loop Trail</i> <i>Kalawahine Trail</i> <i>Kealia Access Road & Trail</i> <i>Kuli'ou'ou Ridge Trail</i> <i>Manoa Falls Trail</i> <i>Maunawili Trail</i> <i>Ma'akua Ridge - Papali Trail</i>	<i>Waihee Ridge Trail</i>	

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(check your selection)

Start time and duration of excursions:

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** **Fee Charged per patron:**
(refer to CTTA Tables)

Mode of transportation:

SIGNATURE

Pam Fritz

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

Date

Print Name:

Pam Fritz

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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Permit Number: **2017-13**
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COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PERMIT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Company Name: Kona Adventure Tours

Hawai'i General Excise Tax Number: W00017772-02

Address: 75-6009 Alii Dr. S23

City: Kailua-Kona	State: HI	Zip: 96740
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Phone: 8089874284 Email: jon@konaadventuretours.com

Fax: 8084430072 Website: www.konaadventuretours.com

Insurance Carrier: Aloha Insurance Services, INC | 12/10/2016-12/10/2017

Insurance Policy: *Provide a certificate of comprehensive public liability insurance. The State of Hawaii must be named as an additional insured for the amount of one million dollars. The policy must be current for the duration of the permit. Insurance carrier is to notify the respective DOFAW Branch staff if the policy is dropped or changed.*
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Vehicle License Number	Vehicle Make & Model		PUC License or Docket Number <small>(if transporting patrons)</small>
NP145	Nissan,	Armada	5581-C

COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY PLAN AND DESCRIPTION

Certified Sustainable Tour Operator? **Y**

How will outdoor safety be promoted?

Pre-tour briefings about hazards and sensitive habitat.

What contingencies will be considered in the event of common emergencies such as injuries or adverse weather?

Injuries: Attempt to get person to hospital or call EMS immediately. Weather: Rain gear is provided and GPS units used to find parking area in low vis conditions.

How is the tour compatible with the locality and surrounding areas?

Birdwatching and nature observation.

Please include applicable personal background that applies to the operation

I've been guiding on Hawaii Island since 2006 and I'm very familiar with all trail systems.

- Y There will be no significant adverse impact to existing natural and cultural resources along the selected trails
- Y There will be no interference with currently allowed, commonly established or traditional public uses of the trail
- Y The interpretive program shall convey information that is accurate in a manner that is respectful and appropriate
- Y I have read the rules and regulations of the CTTA permit

PROJECTED TRAIL / ACCESS ROAD SELECTION

Trails and/or Access Roads (Refer to the CTTA tables only)

<i>Kaua'i</i>	<i>O'ahu</i>	<i>Maui</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>
			<i>Humu'ula Trail</i> <i>Kaūmana Trail</i> <i>Mauna Kea Access Road (R-1)</i> <i>Mauna Loa Observatory Road</i> <i>Muliwai Trail</i> <i>Pololū Trail</i> <i>Pu'u Lā'au Road (R-1)</i> <i>Pu'u 'Ō'ō Trail</i> <i>'Āinapō Road</i> <i>'Āinapō Trail</i>

PROJECTED COMMERCIAL TRAIL TOUR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Days of the week: *(check your selection)* Y Monday Y Tuesday Y Wednesday Y Thursday Y Friday

Start time and duration of excursions: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM: 5 hrs

Number of Excursions per day: **Group Size:** *(refer to CTTA Tables)* **Fee Charged per patron:**

Mode of transportation: 4-wheel drive, Pedestrian

SIGNATURE

Jon P Knight

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Applicant Signature (authorized officer)

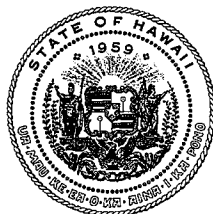
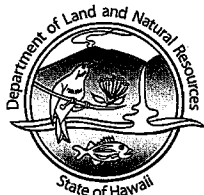
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Print Name:

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<i>BLNR Delegated Authority</i>	<i>Approval Date</i>
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EXHIBIT 2: DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION
Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of
Chapter 343, HRS and Section 13-130, HAR

Project Title:	Commercial Trail Tour Activity Permit Approvals AND Delegation of Authority
Project Number:	N/A
Project Location:	Statewide
Chapter 343 Trigger(s):	Use of State Lands
Project Description:	Request Approval for Commercial Trail Tour Activity Permits under the Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program. Request to delegate authority to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Branch Managers to act as the Authorized Representatives for Applicable identified sections of Chapter 13-130.
Exemption Class & Description:	In accordance with Hawai'i Administrative Rules Sections 13-130-(1) and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to: Exemption Class No. 1, Item 51. Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing. Exemption Class No. 1, Item 52. Use of state lands and waters by those exercising traditional and customary practices for minor non-commercial purposes or for the gaining of traditional ecological knowledge.

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	Exemption Class No. 1, Item 53. Granting to a person the privilege to conduct operations involving the provision of goods, wares, merchandise, or services to the general public including, but not limited to, tours, food and beverage operations, retail operations, rental operations, or communications and telecommunications services in or on an existing building, facility, or area.
Determination:	The Board of Land and Natural Resources declares that this project will likely have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment under the above exemption classes.

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Date

Exhibit 3: Chapter 13-130, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Rules Regulating Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program.

§13-130-18 Obstruction of trails and accesses. No person shall interfere with the rights of any other person to use a program trail, access, or trail facilities, except as authorized by law, or permit, or an authorized representative. Interference includes, but is not limited to, physically blocking trails and accesses, making physical changes to a trail that impede use of the trail, threatening physical harm to persons using a trail, threatening civil or criminal trespass actions against trail users, posting signs such as "no trespassing" or "kapu", or otherwise intimidating persons from using the trail. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-19 Trail and access activity restrictions.

(a) An authorized representative may temporarily close a program trail or access, and may restrict the days and hours of public usage of, or numbers of persons allowed access to, or the types of uses or activities allowed on any trail, access, or segment and any such restrictions shall be posted on the trail access or portion thereof:

- (1) In the event of an emergency on public safety reasons;
- (2) In order to address an imminent threat of harm to a trail, natural resource, or person;
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- (3) To comply with the requirements of agreements made with private landowners or lessees who permit access to program trails through their land;
- (4) To mitigate user impacts upon the trail surface, historic and culturally sensitive areas, or environmentally sensitive areas;
- (5) To minimize incompatible uses in the same area, e.g., horseback riding and motorcycle riding, or hiking and bicycle riding; and
- (6) To manage and control periods of use of a program trail.

(b) An authorized representative may require a trail use permit for use of any restricted program trail access or portion thereof. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-20 Protection of public property and resources. The following activities shall be prohibited on all program trails and accesses, except as authorized in writing by an authorized representative:

- (1) Removing, in whole or in part, injuring, or killing any form of plant or animal life. For purposes of this chapter, removing, injuring, or killing does not include the taking of aquatic life or wildlife that is regulated by the state fishing and hunting laws or the gathering of natural resources for personal non-commercial uses.

- (2) Removing, damaging, or disturbing any natural feature, geological feature, or resource, in whole or in part;
- (3) Removing, damaging, or disturbing any historic or prehistoric objects, ruins, or remains;
- (4) Removing, damaging, or disturbing any notice, signage, marker, or structure;
- (5) Entering, occupying, or using any building, structure, facility, motorized vehicle, machine, equipment, or tool of another on a program trail;
- (6) Engaging in any construction, improvement, or maintenance;
- (7) Selling, peddling, soliciting, or offering 130-13 for sale any merchandise or service;
- (8) Distributing or posting handbills, circulars, advertisements, or other notices;
- (9) Introducing or releasing any plant or animal;
- (10) Entering or remaining on a program trail when under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or drugs to a degree that may endanger oneself or endanger or cause annoyance to other persons or property;
- (11) Using or possessing narcotics, drugs, or alcohol; and
- (12) Leaving the course maintained for travel except to enter the ocean, lake, or stream, or as otherwise permitted in this subchapter. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-28 Vehicles and transportation.

(a) The following acts shall be prohibited on a program trail or access, except as authorized in writing by an authorized representative:

- (1) Driving, operating, transporting, or using any motorized or non-motorized land vehicle, glider, hang glider, aircraft, balloon, or parachute, or leading or riding equestrian animals, carelessly and without due caution for the rights or safety of others and in a manner that endangers any person, property, or natural or cultural resources;
- (2) Launching or landing airplanes, gliders, helicopters, balloons, parachutes, or other similar means of transportation without a trail use permit issued pursuant to subchapter 5, provided that landing is authorized without a permit in case of any emergency;
- (3) Driving, operating, or using any motorized vehicle on a program trail not designated and posted for that purpose, provided, however, that the use of a wheelchair by an individual whose disability requires use of a wheelchair shall not be considered driving or operating 130-16 a motorized vehicle for the purposes of this, unless specifically so posted on the program trail or portion thereof;

- (4) Parking any motorized or non-motorized vehicle or trailer except in designated areas;
- (5) Driving, leading, or riding a horse, mule, other animal, or using any motorized or non-motorized land vehicle on a program trail that is posted prohibiting such activity, provided, however, that the use of a wheelchair by an individual whose disability requires use of a wheelchair shall not be considered driving or operating a nonmotorized vehicle for the purposes of this subsection, unless specifically so posted on the program trail or portion thereof; and
- (6) Driving, operating, or using any motorized ground vehicle without a functioning street legal muffler, and without a valid vehicle license plate, registration, and safety sticker as required by each county. [Eff.] Auth: HRS§198D-6)(Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-31 Audio devices and noise. Creating noise or sound on a program trail and access, either vocally or otherwise (i.e., public address systems, radios, television sets, musical instruments) or use of any noise producing devices, i.e., electric generating plants, generators, or other equipment driven by motors or engines in a manner and at times that create a nuisance is prohibited, except when authorized in writing by an authorized representative. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-37 General permit provisions. All trail and access activity permits shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Permits shall not be transferable or assignable;
- (2) Persons to whom permits are issued shall be held responsible for all conditions stipulated on the permit, and all rules, regulations, and laws applicable to the activity of the trail and access;
- (3) All persons eighteen years of age or older shall be eligible to secure a permit and all minors shall be allowed activity of the program trail and access pursuant to a permit provided that they are under the direct supervision of one adult for every ten minors;
- (4) The department may require the permittee, at 130-19 the permittee's own cost, to provide police protection where it is required in the interest of the public safety and welfare, and for the protection of property due to the number of persons using the program trail or access as part of the permitted activity;
- (5) All permittees shall, upon request, show the permit to any law enforcement officer, or other authorized representative of the department;
- (6) An authorized representative may impose any other restrictions or conditions on the permitted activity in order to protect the integrity, condition, naturalness, beauty, and safety of the program trails and accesses, and to otherwise further the purposes of the Na Ala Hele program. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, restrictions on

the number of persons, types of activities to be conducted on a program trail or access, types of transport, length of stay, number of trips, and seasonal or weather restrictions; and

(7) The issuance of a permit shall not constitute a vested property interest, but is a privilege for the activity on a specific public trail for a specific activity and time period. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-38 Permit applications.

(c) Applications for trail and access activity permits shall be submitted to the affected branch office of the division at least fifteen days before the permit is to be in effect. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of an authorized representative. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS 130-20 §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-40 Permit procedures.

(d) Trail and access activity permits for camping shall prohibit the permittee from remaining at a 130-21 specific campsite for longer than seven consecutive days, provided that an authorized representative may extend the length of stay for good cause; provided further that the length of stay shall not exceed fourteen days. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-44 General commercial activity permit provisions. All commercial trail and access activity permits shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Permits shall not be transferable or assignable;
- (2) The person to whom a permit is issued shall be responsible for all permit conditions, and compliance with all rules, regulations, and laws applicable to the use of the trail or access;
- (3) Permits shall not be issued to a person under eighteen years of age;
- (4) Permittee shall, upon request, show the permit to any law enforcement officer or authorized representative of the department;
- (5) Any other restrictions or conditions may be imposed on the permittee or permitted use to protect the integrity, condition, 130-23 naturalness, beauty, and safety of, or access of the general public to, the program trails and accesses, or which furthers the purposes of the Na Ala Hele program. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, restrictions on the number of persons, types of transport, length of stay, number of trips, and seasonal or weather restrictions; and

(6) The issuance of a permit shall not constitute a vested property interest, but is a privilege granted for the use of a program trail or access for a specified activity and time period. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

§13-130-46 Commercial activity permit criteria.

(a) A commercial trail and access activity permit may be granted for designated program trails or accesses or segments only when the commercial activity is consistent with the hierarchy of priorities as provided in section 13-130-46 (a) and is otherwise consistent with the purposes of the Na Ala Hele program.

(b) Specifically, but not in limitation of the provisions of subsection (a), commercial trail and access activity permit applications may be denied when:

- (1) The proposed activity would be detrimental to the integrity, condition, naturalness, or beauty of a program trail or access or the surrounding area;
- (2) The proposed activity would be detrimental to the safety of trail users;
- (3) The proposed activity would compromise the quality and nature of the expected experience provided by a program trail or access of its classification;
- (4) The size or intensity of the proposed activity would exceed the limits of acceptable change of a program trail or access, site, or facilities; 130-24
- (5) The size, intensity, or nature of the proposed activity would diminish the availability of a program trail or access for use by the general public;
- (6) Repairs or improvements are being made to a program trail, access, site, or facility;
- (7) The program trail, access, site, or facility for the proposed activity will be in use by other permittees or a government agency;
- (8) The applicant has been found by the department to have violated permit conditions or to have been in violation of the provisions of this chapter within one year prior to the date of application;
- (9) An emergency is declared by an authorized representative or other proper authority;
- (10) The proposed commercial activity is not allowed on the proposed program trail, access, or portion thereof, under the terms of an agreement with a private landowner or another government agency concerning the use of the program trail, access, or portion thereof; or
- (11) Any other basis for denial exists that is provided for in these rules. [Eff.] (Auth: HRS §198D-6) (Imp: HRS §198D-6)

