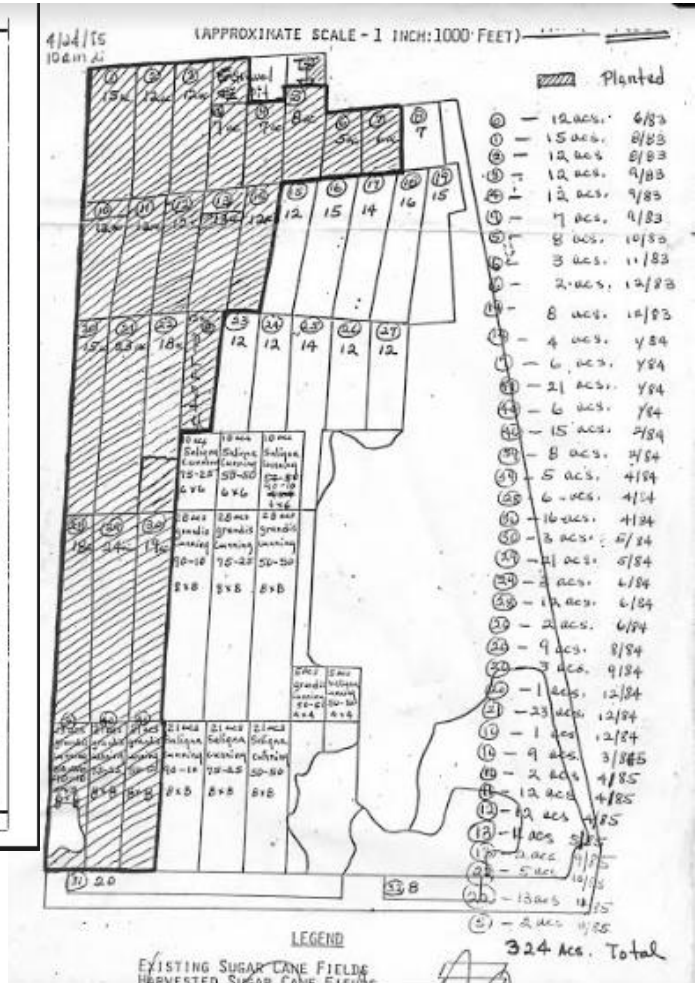
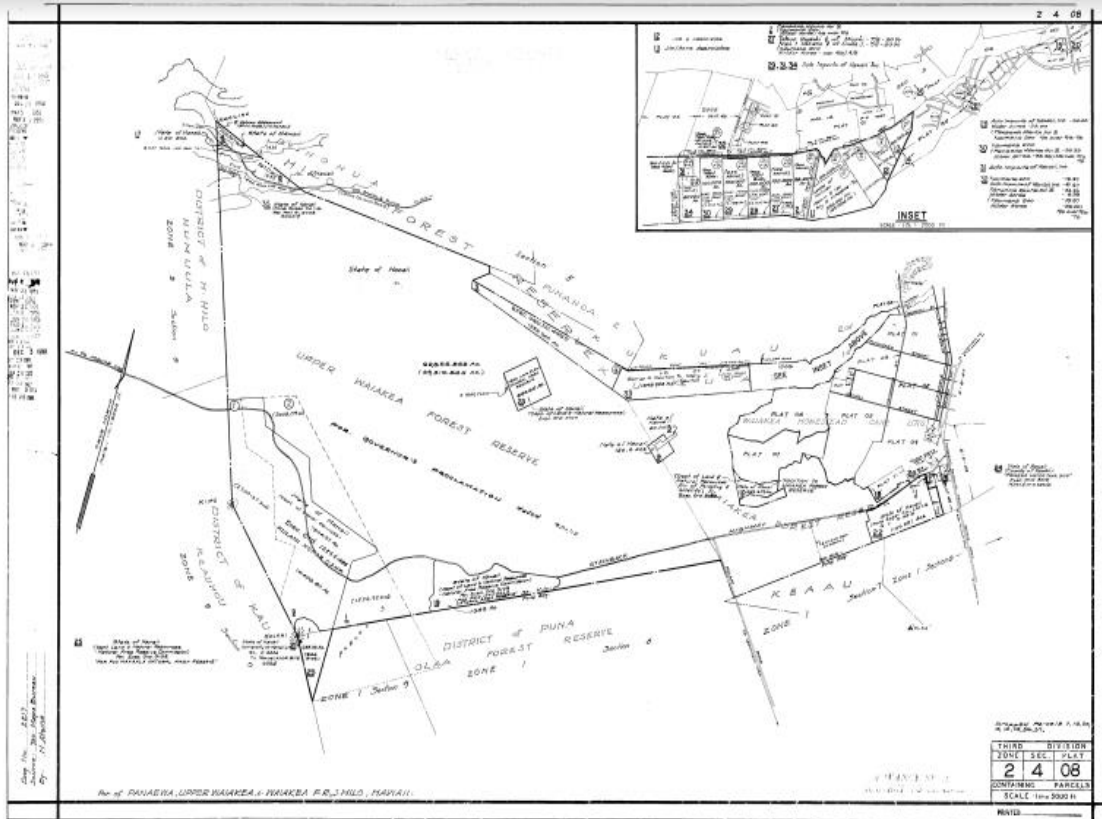


Ke Ala o Kūlanihāko‘i (Kūlani Trails) Request to Include the Bicycle Trails in the Waiākea Timber Management Area as a Nā Ala Hele Program Trail



Trail Location-TMK 2-4-08: Por.22 South Hilo and a map of the initial tree plantings



Ka Mō'aukala

- From 1983 to 1985 this 330 acre plot formerly leased by Puna Sugar was planted with Eucalyptus to provide a constant wood supply for Hawai'i's forest products industry
- Original trails were started by motorcyclists
- In 1990, these trails were adopted by the mountain bicycling community
- In 1995 the DLNR Land Division designated this area as a “non-land use issue”
- Used multiple times for organized bicycle fun rides, non-commercial use from 1991-2009
- In 2012 , Hawai'i State Forestry Division and WTM working with local club BIMBA agreed to offer permitted use to bicycles
- Also in 2012, a trail map was created using GPS technology (JB Friday, U.H. Forestry). This map is handed out to all permitted users
- 2014 BIMBA contributed over 450 volunteer hours in Hurricane Isselle clean up effort in this WTM trail system



Benefit to Local User Group(s)

- Including Kūlani Trails as a Nā Ala Hele program trail designated for bicycle use would be the first of its kind on Hawai'i Island
- The trail would be managed by the DLNR to maximize the bicyclists "riding experience" without disregarding other user groups
- Area has excellent drainage and soil composition that suits bicycle riding in all kinds of weather. The upper Waiākea ATV/Motorcycle park does not offer this. Its' ground is often too muddy for bicycle use
- Providing access serves the large number of registered users in our county
- Fosters a positive working relationship between local user group(s) and State DLNR officials
- Easy access due to the close proximity to Hilo
- Ensures long-term access for bicyclists as well as other user groups



Advantages and Benefits to Hawai'i State DLNR/Nā Ala Hele Trails Program

- Trail already encompasses approximately 10 miles of connected singletrack trails that are currently cleaned and maintained by volunteers of BIMBA
- Trail system can be added to Nā Ala Hele with minimal resources used by the State DLNR
- Permit and waiver system already in place
- Trail map including GPS points already in use and issued with permit
- Close proximity to Upper Waiākea ATV Park
- Limit long term liability to State of Hawai'i
- Promote active lifestyle that aligns with the Nā Ala Hele mission statement
- Promotes education of mountain bicyclists in order that they may more fully conform to state needs and preferences in order to ensure continued access
- Adding a mountain bicycle park to Nā Ala Hele trails program on Hawai'i Island will help DLNR to conform to the National Recreational Trails Program as a “non-motorized vehicle” trail



State Of Hawai'i DLNR determines that mountain bicycle use in Lower Waiākea Forest Reserve a "non land use issue"

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
Governor of Hawai'i

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FILE NO.: 95-551

Mr. Chris Seymour
Pacific Rims
318 E. Kawili Street
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Dear Mr. Seymour:

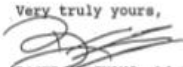
Subject: Proposed Mountain Bicycle Race on State Land at Panewa,
S. Hilo, Hawaii, TMK: 2-4-08: Por. 22

We have reviewed the information on the proposed event contained in your letter to the Hawaii District Land Agent which we received on May 15, 1995, and concur that the subject bicycle race does not constitute a "land use" pursuant to the Conservation District Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 5, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR). Consequently, no Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) will be required to conduct this event.


However, the appropriate right-of-entry must be obtained from the Division of Land Management, including any necessary environmental disclosure requirements pursuant to the Environmental Impact State Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200, HAR and Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

We have no further comment to offer at this time. We appreciate your inquiry into this matter.

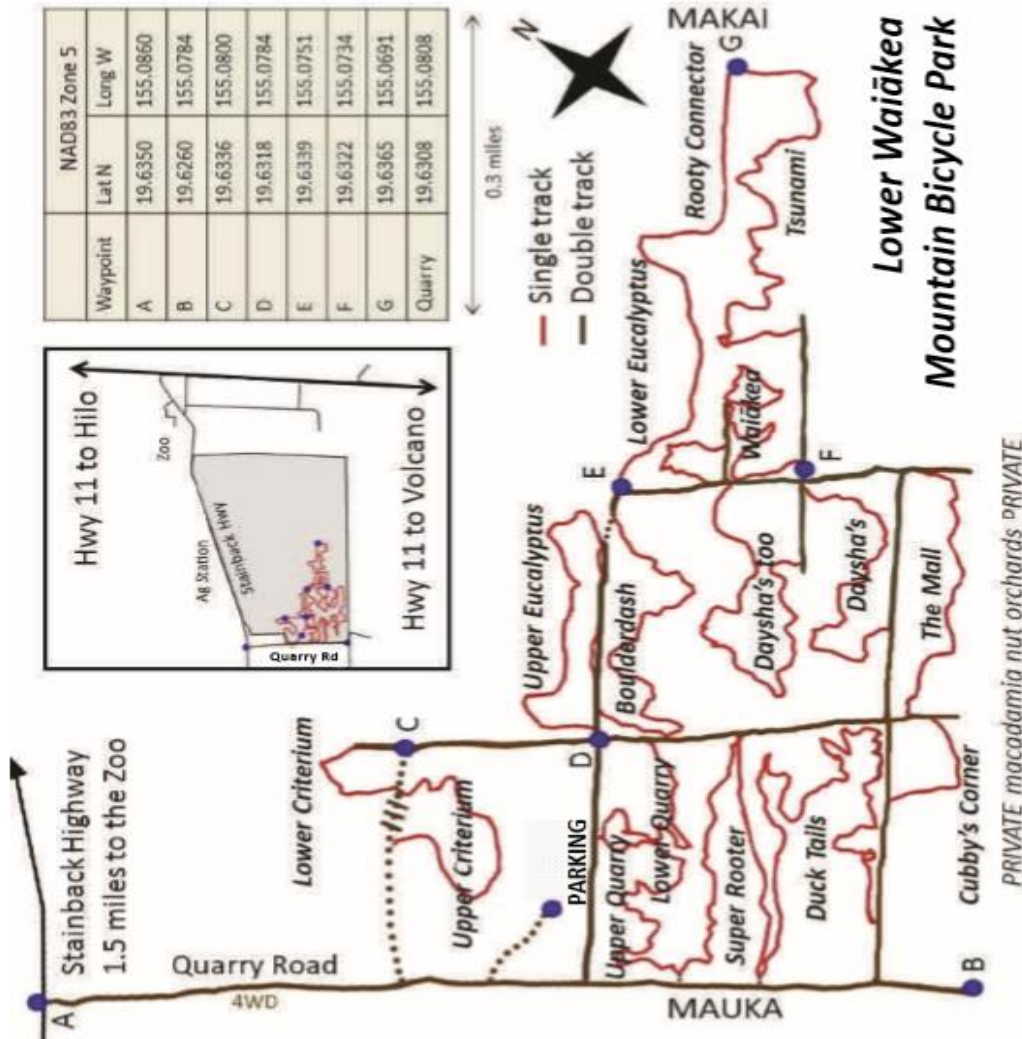
Please feel free to contact Steve Tagawa of my staff at 587-0377, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

ROGER C. EVANS, Administrator
Office of Conservation and
Environmental Affairs

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Waiākea Mountain Bike Trail Map



Waypoint	NAD83 Zone 5	
	Lat N	Long W
A	19.6350	155.0860
B	19.6260	155.0784
C	19.6336	155.0800
D	19.6318	155.0784
E	19.6339	155.0751
F	19.6322	155.0734
G	19.6365	155.0691
Quarry	19.6308	155.0808



LOWER WAIĀKEA MOUNTAIN BICYCLE PARK



PRIVATE macadamia nut orchards

Please ride responsibly and TREAD LIGHTLY. Helmet use required. Make sure your equipment is safe. Educate yourself and others about the rules for riding in this park. Stay on designated trails. Leave NO trace. Pack out what you pack in. Drugs and alcohol prohibited.

Aloha — Welcome!

The Lower Waiākea Mountain Bicycle Park (a.k.a. Kulani Trails) is approximately 1.5 miles west of the Pana'eoa Zoo off of Stainback Highway, within the district of South Hilo. As the state's first Mountain Bicycle Park, this area was established to meet the growing demand for Hawai'i island mountain bicycling recreationists, while striving to protect and preserve the surrounding natural and cultural resources.

Challenge yourself on this tight network of technical

mixed single- and double-track trails that wind through a tall Eucalyptus forest. Cultivate your riding skills on an ever-changing surface full of rocks, roots, logs and other obstacles. Rain or shine, no one ride in Kulani is the same as the next.

To help you better identify and enjoy the park, this guide will assist you in locating designated trails and areas for mountain biking recreation as well as give you the rules of the park to ensure safe and responsible use.



In order to use this park, you are required to obtain a permit and complete a waiver agreement which is available at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife in Hilo at 19 East Kawili Street (808-974-4221), or in Waimea at 66-1220A Lalamilo Road (808-887-6063).

Mō'aukala — History

The original purpose of the Waiākea Timber Management Area was to establish a forest resource base which could provide a sustainable wood supply for Hawai'i's forest products industry. The State had acquired a portion of land from the Puna Sugar Company and in the mid 1980s planted eucalyptus for potential wood chipping and veneer products. The "Tall Trees" area quickly grew, with trees growing nearly fifty feet in height within a five-year span.

Due to ideal soil conditions, the "Tall Trees" area became a popular destination for motorcyclists and mountain bikers alike. Early motorcycle events in the late 1980s opened up areas inside the replanted tract, and as early as 1989 the first of a series of mountain biking events and fun rides were being held. A major finding of the state in 1994 deemed mountain biking activities in this area were a non-land use issue, which then allowed the continuance of permit acceptance through the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Big Island Mountain Bike Association has continued to hold special events since 1994.

Quality and length of single-track trails, close proximity to Hilo, and ideal soil conditions make the area attractive to mountain bikers. The trails have also come to be known as one of the most technical riding areas anywhere. People claim that if you can ride in the Lower Waiākea Forest Reserve, you could theoretically ride anywhere in the world.

RIDE SMART. Bring a helmet, map, first-aid kit, spare parts and tools, phone, and plenty of water on your rides.

Nā Lula — Rules and Regulations

- All visitors to the park must sign in at the designated Check-In Station with a permit
- Helmet use required
- Always stay on designated trails
- All local, state and federal laws apply

Learn to ride here and be able to ride anywhere in the world.



This trail system is a multi-use area that is shared by hikers, hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts. Please be aware of the following:

- The park is open to hunting on a daily basis
- Riders are recommended to wear blaze-orange outer garments
- Hunters with dogs
- Off-road motorcyclists
- Hikers and runners
- Pigs and other wildlife
- Cellular phone reception may be limited

In An Emergency

Call Emergency 911

Division of Forestry 808-974-4221

Report Violations to DOCARE 808-643-3567



A shallow layer of soil on a fairly new lava flow makes the mud layer thin on trails — ideal conditions for off-road bicycle riding, rain or shine.



Request of Nā Ala Hele, Hawai'i Island Advisory Council

Recommend to the DLNR Chair to add the Kūlani Trails System at the Waiākea Timber Management Area, as a State Nā Ala Hele program trail for bicyclists.