

From: [JR Arnold](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public parking at Keawakapu Beach
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:38:22 PM

Aloha e,

Appropriate and free public parking at Keawakapu Beach is a boon to our Maui community. It is all the more essential due to rising costs for residents, and engenders mutual respect and stewardship for our beaches among visitors as well, in the spirit of malama kai. Please enable Maui County to take over management of the parking lot at Keawakapu Beach. That Beach means so much to me and I wouldn't want for our young people to be excluded from enjoying it based on the cost of parking.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Joseph R. Arnold
Registered Professional Archaeologist.

From: [Lori Beth Auldridge](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Submission - Parking at Keawakapu
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:23:22 PM

Aloha,

I'm submitting this email as testimony.

In regards to Item D-3: I would ask the BLNR to set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:00

In regards to Item D-4: I would ask the BLNR to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.

Beach access to Keawakapu is essential to our local community. This beach in particular is used by local families every single day—especially families with young children like mine (we have 4 young keiki & this is a favorite beach we frequent). It is well known in our community that this is a heavily used local beach—used BY locals. There is already inadequate parking for this beach. Taking away from the community (what little access and parking we already have!) frankly feels like a slap in the face.

Public beach access is slowly being whittled away as parking is slowly being taken over by private businesses. Just look at the example of Mama's Fish House—what a disaster! The restaurant has all but taken away the few parking designated as “beach access parking only.” Their patrons park there all the time to go eat at the restaurant while the parking attendants shrug and say that they cannot control where they park. It's a mess and forces frustrated families to have to constantly change their lives to accommodate the wants of a restaurant. I have no doubt a similar scenario would play out at Keawakapu if the tiny public parking lot is given over to a private business.

Please let me know that this email was received, please provide the name of the person reading it, as well as how public opinion is being considered in this decision.

Mahalo,

Lori Auldridge, M.A., M.F.A.

From: [Bette Belanger](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ref # D-3 Keawakapu Parking Lot
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 7:30:34 AM

I support setting aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 for public parking.

I frequently drive by this lot and see that the public parking lot is full while the hotel parking is empty during the day. If you think about it, hotel guests are out and about during the day which is the time local residents come to the beach. Perhaps you can come to an agreement that allows public parking in the entire lot until 6:00 pm and hotel guest parking only after that.

Bette Belanger
808-874-8162

From: [christina radican](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu Public Parking
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:27:52 PM

Aloha,

I am writing in regard to item D-3 regarding Public Parking at Keawakapu. I am asking the BLNR set aside the entire portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui Tax Map Key (2) 3-9-004:001 for Public Parking managed by Maui County.

I am asking you to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and make a contract with the County of Maui. Keeping this land in public management is important.

This public parking lot is important to me because I spend my sunsets and weekends at Keawakapu with my family. This beach is beautiful and has all the features I enjoy without having to enter a resort beach in Wailea, where parking is an even bigger struggle. I love to snorkel, play beach games and relax with my son on the grass. With showers at both ends of this long beach, coming here is ideal. I love to SUP and it's great for that too.

Please do not eliminate more parking from local residents. We are losing beach space and parking to more resorts, condo rental, and luxury homes. Eliminating parking here will clog up more illegal street parking too. Even considering the number of tourists here at any given time, there is simply not enough parking at any of the beaches to accommodate the number of people.

Let's continue to keep this area in the County Management and keep it controlled and free for all people to use. Under private management it will be hard to predict the nature of future management. I am not comfortable with that. Please keep the land for Public Parking managed by the County of Maui.

Thank you and Sincerely,
Christina Cantellops

From: [Kimber Carhart](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please save our public parking at Keawakapu!
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:59:39 PM

Please save our public parking at Keawakapu! No developer should be given a long term lease for our beach reserve parking lot, especially when they have demonstrated actions that go against our public beach access laws.

Prior to the lease my family and I were able to park at Keawakapu and unload our SUPs and OC 1 canoes and launch from Keawakapu. It is important to have parking on the ocean side, the makai side of South Kihei road. It is difficult and not safe to cross S Kihei road with water craft. Now there is very little parking available and locals are seen having to park illegally along the driveway to the Mana Kai or along Kilohana.

Item D-3 and

Please set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001

Item D-4

Please DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.

We need to be able access our beaches in order to exercise in the ocean. We need adequate public parking and beach access - particularly at Keawakapu.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kimber

Kimber Carhart

(808)269-8498

Kihei resident 22 year

Lifelong Hawaii resident

From: [Alan Cohen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D-3 and D-4
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:41:51 AM

As residents and daily beach goers, We are asking blnr to set aside the entire portion of lot #001 to Maui County. In addition, please deny a lease for Ruby and Sons. Please allow the County of Maui to manage our lot on parcel 149. Many people utilize these spots to enjoy our local beaches. Privitization of the lot will affect utilization

Mahalo, Al and Vivian Cohen
Kihei

From: [susan durham](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Beach access at keawakapu
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 5:54:11 PM

To whom it may concern. Let the county care for the parking lot and access to beach at Keawakepu. Do not renew contract with private company. Bad juju.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Susan Durham
hawaiian resident
3244 akala dr
Kihei hi 96753.

From: [Sarah Hauser](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Beach access at Keawakapu
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 12:30:09 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am providing the following comments in regard to the proposal for the Lease of Public Lands; Kamaole, Wailuku, Maui, Tax Map Keys: (2) 3-9-004:149 and (2) 3-9-004:001 under consideration by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Agenda Item D-3

I strongly ask you to set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 for the County of Maui. Acquisition of this parcel by the County of Maui is an important opportunity for the County to support and maintain public beach access.

Agenda Item D-4

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The lease and management of 24 hour, free public beach parking by a private entity in conjunction with their development creates the potential for conflict. Such conflict has already been documented in public testimony. A burden on the general public is created to 'police' and seek enforcement of its rights to the parking resource when infringed upon by the private entity. As development in the area increases, and parking demands increase, it is in the public interest to be forward thinking.

As we know, without adequate public parking, shoreline access is severely threatened. I therefore support maintaining and where possible expanding beach access parking, and removing impediments. Access to 24 hour, free beach parking to serve Keawakapu Beach should remain in public ownership and direct public control, and thus be managed by the County of Maui. The County can protect our public beach access parking and also accommodate necessary hotel parking in balance, once again.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hauser

From: [Genevieve Nowicki](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item D-3 & Item D-4 please keep access to Keawakapu, one of my favorite beaches...
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 9:10:12 PM

Hello,

We live at 27 Kahele Street in Kihei and Keawakapu is one of our favorite beaches to see the sunset and swim.

On Item D-3 please set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001

On Item D-4 please DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot. When a lot is managed by private entity spots tend to disappear.

We are too far to walk and without parking we will not be able to access this beach, most of the time we go the lot is almost full or full. Again it is one of our favorite beaches to swim, watch the sunset and walk the dog after work. The lava rocks in front of 5 palms makes it somewhat magical at sunset.

Aloha & Mahalo for your consideration!
Genevieve Nowicki & Darin Hilton

From: [ANDREW ISODA](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PROTECT BEACH ACCESS AT KEAWAKAPU
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:36:04 AM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am providing the following comments in regard to the proposal for the Lease of Public Lands; Kamaole, Wailuku, Maui, Tax Map Keys: (2) 3-9-004:149 and (2) 3-9-004:001 under consideration by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Agenda Item D-3

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Agenda Item D-4

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Sincerely,

Andrew Isoda
Napili

From: [Molly Jacobson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Item D-3 and Item D-4
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 10:49:08 AM

Aloha,

I'm a resident of Kihei, Maui, and I live about a ten-minute drive from Keawakapu Beach. It is hands-down my favorite beach in Kihei, but I rarely get to go because the parking is so bad!!

Therefore, I'm writing about Item D-3, asking you to set aside the entire portion of lot #001 to Maui County.

I'm also writing about Item D-4, asking you to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons. Instead, please enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot on parcel 149.

We are struggling with over-tourism on Maui. Our Island Plan suggests a limit of 1 visitor for every 3 residents -- but we are closer to 1 for every 2. Our infrastructure is buckling in myriad ways, and we are struggling.

The greed of Ruby & Sons is unneighborly and unnecessary. There is not enough parking at this long, beautiful beach to begin with -- the county should be in charge of this area, NOT a private company.

This is one small way we can manage over-tourism. Frankly, it's low-hanging fruit and compared to the other problems we are trying to solve, a straightforward and uncomplicated, easy solution.

Please set aside the entire portion of lot #001 to Maui County, deny the lease to Ruby & Sons, and enter into an agreement with the County of Maui to manage the public beach reserve parking lot on parcel 149.

Thank you for your important work, time, and attention.

Warmly,
Molly Jacobson
Kihei, Hawaii

From: [rj](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu Beach
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:43:30 AM

Its critical that Keawakapu beach and its adjacent parking area under review be left as public access and not be allowed under developer control for private use. No question. Please do NOT let this motion move forward.

Thankyou. Rex Jennings/Maui Meadows.

From: lawsont001@hawaii.rr.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item D-3 - Keawakapu Beach Parking Lot
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:35:48 AM

Aloha,

Thank you for your time in reading this testimony. The public parking lot at Keawakapu Beach should remain a useable parking area for beach goers. The lease should be denied to Ruby & Sons and the BLNR should enter an agreement with Maui County to manage this lot.

This beach is and always has been very popular for local families and visitors alike. It is difficult to find parking as it is on some days and if this lot is taken away it will be near impossible. This is a very important issue for our local community so please do what is necessary to keep this beach parking accessible.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,
Molly Lawson

From: [Maui Cleanup Coordinator](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 4:20:15 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Enzo Magliozzi and I am writing to comment in regard to the proposal for the Lease of Public Lands; Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Keys: (2) 3-9-004:149 and (2) 3-9-004:001 under consideration by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I have been a resident of Kamaole for over 30 years and my family has been living here for several generations. In my time living here, I have learned to swim at Keawakapu Beach and we have enjoyed countless picnics, birthday parties and sunsets there. Like many of my neighbors, this is our favorite beach and a part of our home.

Although we live in the neighborhood, we use our personal vehicles to get to the beach. Since the Days Inn (Ruby & Son's) has taken half of the parking lot near the beach, parking has been extremely difficult if not impossible. We must choose a different beach to visit when the parking lot is full. We often observe that the Day's Inn half of the parking lot is nearly empty, with only a few rental cars there during the day, while the public half of the parking lot is full.

I humbly and strongly request that BLNR set aside the whole portion of the parking property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key (2) 3-9-004:001 for public parking (D-3).

I also strongly request the BLNR to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot (D-4).

Mahalo for your time and consideration

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Sincerely,

Enzo Magliozzi | Maui Beach Cleanup Coordinator | [Surfrider Foundation](#)
t: 808.500.2805 | beachcleanups@maui.surfrider.org

From: [Marcy Martin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D-3 and D-4 All parking at Keawekapu should be for beach users, no commercial use should be allowed
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:10:30 PM

D-3 set aside entire portion of lot 1 to Maui County.

D-4 Deny any lease to Ruby & sons and instead enter into an agreement with the county to manage our public beach reserve parking lot on parcel 149.

There is not enough beach access or beach parking anywhere on Maui.
Oceanfront land should never be given to any private company under any circumstances.

The commercial operator can get their own parking.

From: [Mara McSherry](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D-3
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 1:28:39 AM

Aloha, I Support you purchasing the land for parking in Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui. This is adjacent to the Days Inn and it's very necessary for the people to park their cars and access the beach.

I request that you do not allow Ruby brothers to utilize this land. Mahalo, Mara McSherry

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Melody](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE SAVE THE BEACH ACCESS AT KEAWAKAPU AND KAMAOLE IN MAUI COUNTY
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 3:54:11 PM

Aloha,

Please, PLEASE!!!! Save beach land on Items D-3 & D-4 Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001.

This is soo important to maintain this for the residents, our families, island history and tourists to enjoy.

BLNR PLEASE allow Maui County to preserve and manage the land and not go to a corporate entity to ruin with broken promises and developments. Too much development buries the history, culture and ruins future generations from having **adequate** access to enjoy it.

Many of us will appreciate good sound Maui management in preserving the lands and not corporate management. PLEASE set a precedence in keep and managing Maui's remaining lands more natural and accessible for us. There is no more room left for greed and mistakes.

Mahalo,
Bob M.

From: [Karima Morgan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu beach parking lot
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:36:35 AM

Please note my concerns re:

Item D-3: set aside the whole property at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax map key: (2) 3-9-004:001 for public beach access parking

Item D-4: Deny the lease to Ruby & Sons and enter into an agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot

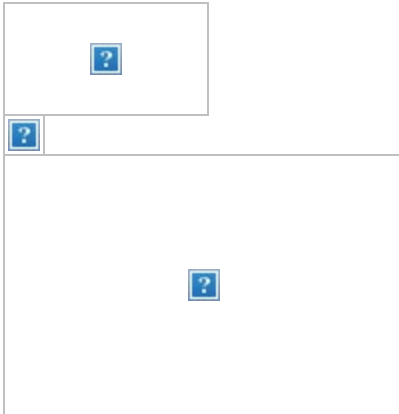
I walk and swim at this beach regularly, as do many of my neighbors. It is very important to me/us that we can be guaranteed public access to this parking lot for beach access. Putting it in private hands offers no such guarantee. Turning it over to County of Maui means that the residents of Maui can count on ongoing long term use of this parking lot for beach access.

Mahalo
Katharine Morgan
Maui Meadows, Kihei

From: [Bonnie Newman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re item D-3 & D-4 Keawekapu parking lot
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 11:52:44 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-5ar5qfht.png](#)

Aloha BLNR Committee - MAHALO for all you do for all of us; sincerely!
As a 35 year full-time Maui resident I am hereby asking you to protect the public for this important parking lot that **SO many of us residents** rely on to reach our wonderful ocean.

PLEASE set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 so that we can have more adequate parking; And
and DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons, instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.



Bonnie Newman Rs
The Singing Realtor!
Coldwell Banker Island Properties
The Shops at Wailea Office
808 / 283-0645

From: [Ease Oldham](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save the Public Parking at Keawakapu
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 7:48:37 AM

Dear BLNR,

On this Fridays agenda - referencing Item D-3, I ask you to set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 to keep our public parking.

Referencing Item D-4, I ask you to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.

I'm 65 years old, I swim many times a week and walk at Keawakapu. So I use the parking lot 5 to 6 times a week. I actually can go often because the public beach parking is close enough for me to walk to the ocean versus parking on a side street. On the weekends, its very hard to find a place to park already.

Maui County is quite capable of managing the parking lot.

Mahalo, Mary Oldham
766 Lanina Place, Kihei, HI 96753

From: [Molly Patrick](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep our beach parking lots of our community
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 11:55:15 AM

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Agenda Item D-3

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Agenda Item D-4

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My 73-year-old dad goes to the beach every day. He had a stroke a couple years back and has difficulty walking, that's why swimming is so important to him. He parks at the Keawakapu beach regularly because it's such easy access to the beach. Please keep this parking lot and all public beach parking lots for our community.

Sincerely,

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Molly Patrick

cleanfooddirtygirl.com

From: [Carol Riccio](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, parking lot
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 11:50:36 AM

Hello,

I am writing in support of the County of Maui entering into an agreement to maintain this property as a public parking lot. This is for:

Item D-3 asking to set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001

Also requesting that for Item D-4 and requesting that the BLNR please DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.

I often cannot park in this public lot, now that the private user has taken up most of the spots. As a 23 year resident of Kihei, it is very upsetting that I can no longer access Keawakapu beach simply because I cannot park in what used to be a public lot.

Residents need government support of our home and public access. Please help us.

Thank you,
Carol Riccio
8 Kilolani Ln Apt 302
Kihei, HI 96753
808-264-0275

From: [Nicole Rosen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] keawakapu parking
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:10:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Nicole Rosen

From: [Mitch Sanders](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item D-3 Keawakapu beach parking, Maui
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:25:16 PM

Aloha BLNR

Please protect the land to be used by those of us that call Maui home. Deny the lease to Ruby & Sons and instead work with the county of Maui to manage public beach access. A resident of Maui for 17 years, Keawakapu brings memories of sunsets with friends. Please keep that available for future memories for all.

mahalo

Mitch Sanders

From: [S Setum](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] adequate public parking and beach access at Keawakapu is important to me and our community
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:22:35 PM

Lahaina, Wednesday, January 12, 2022

blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

Aloha BLNR and Hawaii Government,

I am referencing Item D-3 to ask the BLNR to set aside the entire portion of lot #001 to Maui County.

This is important to me and our community!

I also reference Item D-4 and ask the BLNR to *DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons* and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot on parcel 149.

We need more public beach reserve parking lots and not less!

I want to testify that these parking spaces are vital, and very important to me, my friends, and the local community and people, and I want to state that adequate public parking and beach access at Keawakapu, Wailea, and the Westside, is very, very important to me and many others in this community and on the island of Maui!

I am an avid beach goer and snorkeler and it is getting increasingly difficult to find beach parking not only at this location but at many other spots here on Maui, especially on the Westside, and in Wailea.

Note that Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter volunteers collected data from the parking lots for 45 days. The data clearly shows the high public demand for parking and beach access. On average, 20 of the 51 public parking stalls are used, with stalls typically maxed out on weekends. On the other hand, an average of only 4 stalls of the Days Inn portion of the gravel lot are used. Even the additional 51 paved parking stalls

that Days Inn has at their resort property is rarely even half full.

Under the current situation, half of the parking lot sits empty most of the day while public parking is maxed out or near capacity. Management of the parking area by the County of Maui would better balance public and private interests for beach access, while ensuring that parking is equitable and utilized effectively.

Please make the right decision and save our public beaches and public beach parking and reserve parking.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Setum
Modern Art Dealer
Lahaina, Maui, HI
s.setum@gmail.com

From: [Alan Stebbens](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: aj@ajharmony.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu Parking (Items D-3 and D-4)
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 10:21:13 AM

Dear BLNR,

In regard to Item D-3, my wife and I ask the BLNR:

- To set aside the whole portion of the property at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001

In regard to Item D-4, my wife and I ask the BLNR:

- To DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons
- To enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot

We are residents of Kihei, and visit Keawakapu multiple times a week, very much enjoying our time there.

We park at both ends of Keawakapu Beach, in the public parking lots, as well as the gravel lot by the Five Palms Restaurant.

Of all of Maui's beaches, we enjoy Keawakapu the most.

On weekends, we have found it challenging to find parking at either end of Keawakapu.

Even during weekdays, we have found the public parking lots about half-full to 3/4 full.

Thank you for helping to maintain public access and parking to Keawakapu Beach!

Cordially and sincerely,

Alan and Judy Stebbens
Kihei, HI 96753
M: 805-886-8886



Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter, dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves and beaches for all people, provides the following comment in regard to the proposal for the Lease of Public Lands; Kamaole, Wailuku, Maui, Tax Map Keys: (2) 3-9-004:001 and (2) 3-9-004:149 under consideration by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter strongly asks you to set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 for the County of Maui. Acquisition of this parcel by the County of Maui is an important opportunity for the County to support and maintain public beach access.

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Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter volunteers collected data from the parking lot at TMK (2) 3-9-004:149 for 45 days, from November 12, 2021 - December 20, 2021. Within this 45-day period, a total of 66 visits were made to the parking areas with data and photos typically collected from each parking area twice a day (morning between 6-8am and afternoon between 2-6pm).

	Avg # of Stalls Used	Max # of Stalls Used
DAYS-INN (PAVED) (51 stalls)	13	34
DAYS-INN GRAVEL (34 Stalls)	4	12
PUBLIC GRAVEL LOT (51 Stalls)	20	51

The data above clearly shows the high public demand for parking and beach access. On average, 20 of the 51 public parking stalls are used, with stalls typically maxed out on weekends. On the other hand, an average of only 4 stalls of the Days Inn portion of the gravel lot are used. Under the current situation, half of the gravel parking lot (~34 stalls) sits empty most of the day while public parking is maxed out or near capacity. Additional photos are attached.

Furthermore, the lease and management of 24 hour, free public beach parking by a private entity in conjunction with their development creates the potential for conflict. Such conflict has already been documented in public testimony. A burden on the general public is created to 'police' and seek enforcement of its rights to the parking resource when infringed upon by the

private entity. As development in the area increases, and parking demands increase, it is in the public interest to be forward thinking.

As we know, without adequate public parking, shoreline access is severely threatened. Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter therefore supports maintaining and where possible expanding beach access parking, and removing impediments. Access to 24 hour, free beach parking to serve Keawakapu Beach should remain in public ownership and direct public control.

It is for these reasons that the Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter strongly supports the management of the gravel parking area by the County of Maui. We believe management by the County of Maui would better balance public and private interests for beach access, while ensuring that parking is equitable and utilized most effectively.

Sincerely,

Marina Scott

Vice Chair
Surfrider Foundation, Maui Chapter



Above - November 15, 2021 at 2pm: Gravel Lot - 5 stalls used by Days Inn, 22 public stalls used. Paved lot at Days Inn - 5 stalls used.



Above - November 17, 2021 at 4:30pm: Gravel Lot - 6 stalls used by Days Inn, 23 public stalls used. Paved lot at Days Inn - 3 stalls used.



Above - November 18, 2021 at 4:00pm: Gravel Lot - 2 stalls used by Days Inn, 51 public stalls used (MAX). Paved lot at Days Inn - 15 stalls used.

From: [P.Townsend](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1/14 Agenda, Lease of Public Lands, Items D-3 and D-4
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 9:19:53 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

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As we know, without adequate public parking, shoreline access is severely threatened. I therefore support maintaining and where possible expanding beach access parking, and removing impediments. Access to 24 hour, free beach parking to serve Keawakapu Beach should remain in public ownership and direct public control, and thus be managed by the County of Maui. The County can protect our public beach access parking and also accommodate necessary hotel parking in balance, once again.

Sincerely,

Pam Townsend
Kaanapali, Maui
Maui owner, resident and
Surfrider Member

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barb Toyama](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Items D-3 and D-4
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:40:08 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

This is a testimony in regards to agenda items D-3 and D-4.

In regards to item D-3, I strongly urge you to set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 for the County of Maui. Public land should be managed by the county, not by private businesses, which have demonstrated time and again that they will not act in the best interest of the public.

In regards to item D-4, I strongly urge you to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.

As a local family, it is getting harder and harder to enjoy weekends at the beach, as beach parking becomes more scarce, with the gravel lot at Keawakapu being a prime example. Many weekend days, the public beach access slots are full, while the majority of the stalls reserved for the Days Inn are sitting empty, reserved for tourists gone exploring the island throughout the day. This could be managed better, but a private business is simply not going to do that. It would be a shame to see another beach off limits to our community due to lack of parking. We've already pretty much lost the beach at Mama's Fish House and others, let's not add this one to the list too. We cannot keep giving priority to private companies serving tourism in lieu of our community and our residents. Public land and public beach access belongs in the hands of the public, through the county.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Barb Toyama

From: [Pete Webster](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keawakapu Parking
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:03:10 PM

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Sincerely,

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Pete Webster

From: [Corina Young](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item d-3/d-4
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:43:33 AM

Aloha

I am writing in reference upcoming vote on the public parking at Keawakapu beach. Please keep the portion that has been public parking for the public. We use this parking for homeschool group meet ups, company get together as and just being able to enjoy the beach. Removing this and giving it to yet another private company takes yet another thing away from those of us who work hard, pay taxes and live here. It is already almost impossible to find parking at the beach and this will only make it harder. Please enter into an agreement with the county, who is willing to make sure this space stays open to the residents.

Thank you

Corina Young
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Kihei hi 96753

From: [Wendy Zacuto](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding D-3
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:28:38 AM

I strongly ask that the BLNR t set aside the whole portion of the property located at Keawakapu, Kamaole, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-9-004:001 Reference Item D-4 and ask the BLNR to DENY a lease to Ruby & Sons and instead enter into agreement with the County of Maui to manage our public beach reserve parking lot.

Adequate public parking at Keawakapu is highly important to those of us who live on island. Kawakapu Beach is one of the rare beaches in Wailea that is not deluged by beach lounges and umbrellas rented by big hotels. It is a beach that we can all enjoy together, those who walk from hotels and those locals like me who park nearby and can bring enough things to spend a day with family and friends.

Thank you for considering our island needs as developers seek to take advantage of our beautiful island. We need to share.

Mahalo.
Wendy and Brad Zacuto 150 Pauloa Place, Kihei.

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Wendy Zacuto
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