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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapāpala canoe area
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:24:29 PM

I, Yvette Akamu, of New Hope Canoe Club, Mauiola Canoe Club, and OHCRA Race Secretary, are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers. This forest was planted for this purpose and should be used as such.

Mahalo NUI,
Yvette Akamu

From: [LUANA FROISETH](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 7:30:30 AM

I, Luana Froiseth , of Waikiki Surf Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area.

As a female practioner of carving out racing/competitive koa canoes, it is most important that we have Koa trees and logs to support the sport of Hawaiian Canoe Racing with Koa Canoes. We are the only people who race in Koa Canoes in the world. As we host the Moloka'i Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai races we share the usuage of our Koa canoes with the World to paddle and race in a Koa Canoe. Please support our efforts and help use keep the tradition of our ancestors for years to come. Our keiki's will reward all of us in the future.

Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

Mahalo NUI,

Luana Froiseth
President: Waikiki Surf Club
Race Director- Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association
Canoe Builder - Hokule'a, Hawaii Loa, Malia, Tutu, Kaielua, Hanakeoki,

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From: [Gerald Hong](#)
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I, Gerald Hong , of Healani Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

*Mahalo NUI,
Gerald Hong*

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area
Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 10:56:16 AM

I, Aaron Kaleikaumaka Hew Len, of the Ewa Pu'uloa Outrigger Canoe Club am in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

Mahalo nui loa a me ke aloha,
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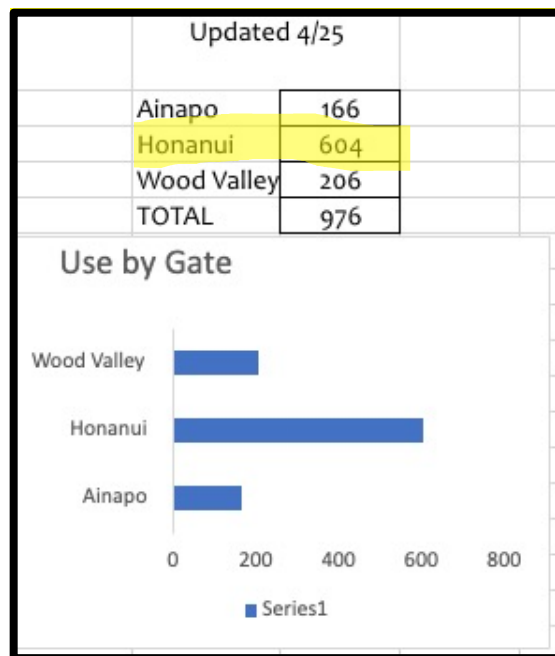
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Board of Land and Natural Resources

April 26, 2024

Agenda Items C1 and C2

YEAR-TO-DATE PUBLIC ACCESS USAGE REPORT FOR 2024



Kapapala Ranch provides access to the Ka‘u and Kapāpala Forest Reserves through its lease and permit areas. Honanui Road is the access to the Kapāpala Canoe Management Area. It is a gravel road built by Ka‘u Agribusiness decades ago. The road is in poor condition and is not maintained to match the level of it’s current usage therefore people drive any which way crisscrossing through the pasture land. This not only reduces the acreage available for grazing but it also creates severe erosion.

We take this opportunity to comment that if you approve this additional activity in the Kapāpala Canoe Area that you also approve the money to keep the road maintained annually.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lani C. Petrie

From: [KEOLA Dayton](#)
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Aloha

I, Jennifer Romano, of Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

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Mahalo NUI,
Jennifer "Jen" Romano
President/Co-Founder
Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club
A 501c3 Youth Non-profit organization

From: [Bill Rosehill](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapapala Canoe Log Sustainability Mgmt Plan
Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:18:26 AM

This testimony is late because I'm not tech savy and couldn't figure out how to get on zoom.

My name is Bill Rosehill. I live in Kona. I am Kahuna Kukulu Wa'a (the ancient traditional term for an expert of ancient canoe building. Kahuna Kalai Wa'a is wrong.) and very much favor this project. I have 49 years of first-hand knowledge and experience in koa forest restoration. I started in 1977 when it wasn't the 'in' thing to do. I worked with Hilo DOFAW personnel the majority of my professional career. I am experienced in koa logging, reforestation, and began my apprenticeship in canoe building in 1975.

I have been on the Kapapala committee for all of its 10 years. My concerns are not popular, but they are the **truth**. The preservationists/environmentalists on the committee steer the ship with no first-hand knowledge of what is necessary to properly and economically regenerate our koa forests. They are young. They only have 20+ years in the field with no on-the-ground knowledge or experience. Simply planting trees doesn't count. The trees they plant will never evolve into the native forest we know because they don't know how the forest grows nor what the forest needs to evolve and maintain itself in perpetuity.

They want the lowest section of the 1257-acre project to be harvested first. Problem - generally speaking, the area has the fewest, smallest, and youngest trees. Young trees have a wide sapwood ring that are not used for canoes. Canoes are made from mature trees with no sapwood.

The correct section to begin log extraction is the top-most section where mature, high-risk, and downed logs should be taken first. This 200-acre section represents less than 2/10 of 1% of the surrounding 93,276 acres of Ka'u and Kapapala Forest Reserves. Preservationists say when we harvest this 200-acres we kill 200 acres of birds. This is how they've brainwashed communities for decades and take us for stupid. Should a nest tree fall naturally, the birds will simply find another tree to nest...and they have 93K+ acres around them to choose from. When we walked this area a few years ago, the mature trees showed signs of decay (high risk). Although useable today for canoes, if the preservationists have their way, logs won't be taken from this section for another 60 years. By that time, the logs will have rotted to no one's benefit. I made this and other recommendations in meetings based on my experience but you won't see it because it's not what Foresty Solutions wants. Organizations like them are directly responsible for the slow demise of our forests. Preservationists claim the area rich in endemic bird life hence they have weaponized the endangered species act in their favor and prohibit Hawaiian practitioners from utilizing overmatured trees. Their mindset is to put a glass case over it and keep it the way God made it....you can't preserve a living entity, it's

constantly changing. Imagine a 30-year-old in 1973 when the endangered species act became law. If a glass case were to have been put over that 30-year-old, would that person be the same, or even alive, today 51 years hence at 81 years old? Same with koa forests/koa trees....the older they get the more susceptible to disease (as in the top section of this project), phytophthora cinnamoni, a root rot that weakens the tree, susceptible to wind fall, and ends up rotting on the ground.

Preservationists are anti bull-dozers yet bulldozers are exactly what is required to scarify the ground to encourage natural koa regeneration. In 1977, two Volcano Wildlife Biologists, Jim Jacobi and Rich Warshauer, along with UH Manoa professor Charles Lamoureux told me, "once you put a bulldozer to it, it's gone forever!" A year following the scarification of that initial 50-acre increment, I noted a plant had germinated I didn't recognize. I called up my mentor, Hilo DOFAW Service Forester, Ernest Pung to meet me to take a look at this plant. Ernie was pretty certain it was *Vicia menziesii*, a plant said to have gone extinct in 1915. He suggested I call the two biologists back up to the project to take a look. Jacobi and Warshauer both identified the plant as *Vicia menziesii*. I asked if they would now retract their statement of, "once you put a bulldozer to it, it's gone forever"? Neither acknowledged and to this date, as far as I know, they have never admitted to being wrong. Environmentalists/Preservationists never do.

Charles Lamoureux took a slide photo of the dozer sitting among the sacrificed acreage, gave a talk to 32 Kamehameha School students and staff, showed his slide up on the screen and said to the group, "Bishop Estates idea to reforestaion is deforestation".

Vicia menziesii became the first Hawaiian plant to be put on both the State and Federal endangered species list. Should you google *Vicia menziesii*, it'll tell you how rare it is, where it grows, and where they've outplanted to, but it'll never say the plant was brought back from extinction via mechanical scarification. They only tell you what they want you to hear. And they're **so** convincing.

When I watch the current local news on tv, there are commercials that ID endemic forest birds and list the number of years they are away from extinction. Based on my knowledge and experience, the preservationists are to blame for prohibiting active management of our forests.

Territorial Forester, Bill Bryan, Soil Conservation Agent and Forester, Norman Carlson, as well as DOFAW'S own, 94-yr old, retired Service Forester, Ernie Pung have all aired the same concern, "our forests are dying and unless we actively manage them, we'll lose them." This was long before climate change was in anyone's radar. All three of these gentlemen literally spent 90%+ of their careers in the forest, planting, measuring, data-collecting, and experimenting on their own. I was blessed to have the latter two as my mentors.

Common language used by preservationists is loss of habitat and habitat destruction. Forests haven't been cleared for pasture for over 50+ years. Forest plants and bird extinction are due to these two factors thanks to preservationists prohibiting active management of our forests,,,,,a living entity. If we don't have a healthy, thriving living forest environment, the endemic birds will continue to go extinct. Forest Reserves are zoned Conservation, originating from the root word conserve....wise utilization, **not preservation**.

To answer one of your questions to the Forest Solution preservationists seated before you, "How long does it take for a koa tree to grow?" At Kapapala, for a good canoe quality log, no less than 150-200 years unless it becomes high risk. Koa will grow very fast when young but will take decades or centuries to put on the required diameter growth necessary for a merchantable log. Generally speaking, the older the tree, the richer the color.

In 2010, 4 canoe clubs spent \$7000 apiece for logging equipment and low-boy trucking to get the logs off the mountain, hauled to their destination, and unloaded. This is the most economical way - have logging equipment extract all logs from an area followed by scarification and never return with equipment so as not to run over natural regeneration that will sprout within days. All clubs receiving those logs will pay an equal share of extraction and hauling. Allowing one club at a time will kill the natural regeneration and defeat the purpose of the project....sustainability. The average weight of a 45' canoe log is 9 tons depending on its girth, rot, and other defects.

Thank you for supporting DOFAW's plans for this project. A special Mahalo to David Smith for working his tail off having to deal with nay-sayers and finalizing a palatable harvesting and distribution plans. Should our scarification reveal a yet-to-be identified plant or bring another back from extinction, be sure that DOFAW is recognized for it and not Forestry Solutions.

Aloha,
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management
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I, Marleen K. Serrao, of 'Ewa Pu'uloa Outrigger Canoe Club are in support to approve the Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment of the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management area, and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact. I also support the approval of an allocation process for Koa Canoe Log Harvest permits from the Kapāpala Koa Canoe Management Area. As Cultural Practitioners of this tradition and sport, it is vital that we have access to koa logs for Na Kalaiwa'a to teach and to build for our future paddlers.

Mahalo NUI,

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Marleen Kau'ionalani Serrao

Ewa Pu'uloa Outrigger Canoe Club: Co-founder - Director

Ewa Pu'uloa Hawaiian Civic Club: President

Hoa'kalei Cultural Foundation: Vice President

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