

From: [RubbahNeckRacing](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:02:03 AM

I, (Reece Amantiad), oppose D2.

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From: irenekx100@yahoo.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:44:15 AM

I, (Irene Kahalepuna ame), oppose D2.

This would be detrimental for a lot of families, Haven't they taken away too much already? Our ohana needs safe place to be able to enjoy the outdoors

And is not limited to where we are able to go on our own Island because of the Military.

From: [Jessica Balacy](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:40:32 AM

I, Jessica Balacy, oppose D2.

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From: [Malia Barger](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:52:43 AM

I, Malia Barger, oppose D2.

From: [Sylvia Barnard](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:57:40 AM

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Your Name, Town

From: [Barbara Barry](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Ms Barbara Barry

Ha'ikū, Hi

96708

From: [name name](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:54:11 AM

I, Billy oppose D2.

From: [keone.blomfield](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:59:02 AM

I, (Name), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kaiulani Bowers](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE ITEM D-2. PROTECT HAWAII'S LAND AND COMMUNITIES
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:22:04 AM

I AM WRITING TO VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE ITEM D-2 ON THE AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING BLNR MEETING. THIS ITEM, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE APPRAISAL OF LANDS LEASED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY, THREATENS THE INTEGRITY OF OUR PRECIOUS HAWAIIAN LANDS AND THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO HONOR ITS ORIGINAL AGREEMENT MADE AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THEY HAVE HAD THE USE OF THESE LANDS FOR OVER 80 YEARS UNDER THE PROMISE OF RETURNING THEM IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION. IT IS LONG OVERDUE FOR THEM TO FULFILL THIS COMMITMENT AND REPAIR THE DAMAGE THEY HAVE CAUSED.

I URGE THE BLNR TO REJECT ITEM D-2 AND INSTEAD PRIORITIZE THE PROTECTION OF OUR LANDS AND COMMUNITIES. WE MUST NOT SUCCUMB TO PRESSURES TO EXPAND THE MILITARY FOOTPRINT IN OUR ISLANDS AND INSTEAD WE SHOULD ALL FIGHT TO REDUCE THEIR FOOTPRINT. IT IS TIME TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS
MAHALO.
KAIULANI BOWERS
RESIDENT OF KANEOHE, OAHU

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kevin Carrillo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:05:37 AM

Hi estimated members. I OPPOSE D2 these areas haven used for recreational purposes for a long time and need to stay that way. The people of Oahu as well as visitors need the parks to make our island appealing and a reason to visit. Thank you for all that you do

Jesus loves you

From: [M. C.808](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:59:06 AM

I, Matthew cataluna oppose this bill,kahuku dirt bike track has been around for ever, the military does not even take care of kahuku they trash it, destroy native plants,and have no sympathy for our mountain, please do not let them take our way of life!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nicolette Ching-Pickett](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STOP SELLING LANDS
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:17:35 AM

Hello BLNR,

PLEASE, PLEASE do not sell our lands to the US military! We have seen over and over how they treat our lands=our resources. There have never been an instance where they have not abused, desecrated, or polluted land that was in their care/control. After the massive and irreversible damage that was happening for decades in RED Hill, why would one even consider selling more land to these monsters???! We are isolated in the middle of the sea- when they have polluted and destroyed our lands and resources, where would we go??? What neighbors would help and share with us??? No one. And if we look at history- it will definitely NOT be the United States. They devour and rape land and resources...and move on without a thought.

THE LAND AND ENVIRONMENT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL MOTHER TO US,
OUR CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR IDENTITY, OUR CULTURE.

It is our responsibility and familial obligation (yours and mine) as humble humans to act as the husbands, cultivating, protecting, and caring for these lands until we pass it onto the next generation to follow suit. Otherwise, we will lose EVERYTHING.

When a people loses its land, they become lost people without a culture or an identity. Without the social and moral ties that culture and identity bounds people to, they become lost. Lost people become moral poor, angry, sick, and deviant people.

As you see, this issue has multiple implications. To choose to see it as though it is "just" a land sale is irresponsible and a lie.

DO NOT SELL POHAKULOA, KAHUKU, KAWAIILOA, & MAKUA!!!

Mahalo for hearing my voice,
Nicolette Ching-Pickett, MA CMHC

(808) 371-2136

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chelby](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:08:52 AM

I, Chelby Correa, oppose D2. Kahuku Motocross Park has been home to myself since I was 9 years old. I was introduced to this beautiful place by my dad who also grew up riding here. I quickly fell in love with the sport, the scenery and the people that I've met here. I've created lifelong friendships, and met my husband here 18 years ago. We now have 2 beautiful keiki (5 years old and 2 years old), who also fell in love with this place and sport. The friends we've made along the way, bring their kids and we all get to watch our kids grow up in a place that has been so special to us for many years. Closing down Kahuku Motocross park, will erase the opportunity of so many who love this sport. It will rob them of the chance to thrive in such a wonderful place. Not to mention, it will cause a lot of the avid riders to look for illegal trails to seek their thrill of the sport. Shutting the motocross park down will tear down an entire community; like a family will be uprooted and shoved aside. We, along MANY others, spend our entire weekends up here. Cleaning and cutting the grass, fixing whatever needs to be done, and maintaining this park. Please don't shut down this park. It means so much to SO MANY PEOPLE.

Mahalo!
Chelby Correa





From: [george.cutright](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:41:42 AM

Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I oppose any and all land swap deals for the military at Pōhakula.

The military has proven to be poor stewards of our 'āina. We should not swap lands with them so they can desecrate more of our islands. What will they leave behind on the land we receive? Will they ignore their responsibility to clean up their mess once again on new land? Who will clean the land they swap back to us?

Did you know that the US military is the largest polluter in the world? Let's not give them new land to pollute.

Thank you,
George Cutright

From: [Loke Davis](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 4/12 Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:20:04 AM

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to the sale and/or continued lease to the US military of the lands known as Pōhakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaioloa-Poamoho, and Mākua, as referenced in agenda item D2, *regardless of assessed market value*.

I have yet to see persuasive evidence that the US military has managed to execute its training exercises while preserving the environmental, archaeological, and cultural integrity of the areas up for discussion, not to mention the questionable impact of their exercises on public health. If the impact of their activities to the surrounding areas are any indication, the costs of these impacts must be taken into consideration. Take, for instance, the military's habit of condemning former training areas due to its "inability" to pay for the cost of decontaminating the area. Or consider the thousands of acres burned/decimated in the Pōhakuloa Training Area and the surrounding area throughout the years due to fires caused by military training exercises. These fires have not only been environmentally and archaeologically detrimental to the lands and projects surrounding the area, but the cost of extinguishing the fires and managing their aftermath have come at a substantial cost to DLNR's budget/State taxpayer dollars.

The US military has proven time and again to be a costly and irresponsible "tenant"/neighbor, who often renders the land they occupy as useless post "tenancy". Moving forward with such a prospect would on multiple levels be costly to the State, regardless of potential income from a sale or lease at market value.

I urge the BLNR committee to explore other options of land management for these areas.

Mahalo,

Loke Davis
[LinkedIn](#)

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From: [brian Dow](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:53:40 AM

I, Brian, oppose D2!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jacob Ehm](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:00:27 AM

To whom it may concern,

I oppose D2.

Thank you,
Jacob Ehm

From: [Solomon Enos](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Strong Opposition to the U.S. Military acquiring more land.
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:37:42 AM

Testimony in Strong Opposition.

DATE: April 12, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg. 1151 Punchbowl St. 1st Floor Room 132.

To the Board of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Solomon Robert Nui Enos, and I am a Native Hawaiian Artist and Illustrator, and the Artist in Residence at the Capitol Modern. I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to the U.S. Military acquiring more land here in our sacred Pae 'Āina.

Having grown up in Wai'anae, and remembering the sound of live fire training in Mākua Valley, I witnessed clear examples of the U.S. Military's extremely poor stewardship of the lands of our ancestors. The U.S. Military needs to be shrinking its access to and exploitation of our islands, and not expanding.

The smell of burning endemic flora and fauna, the rattling of the bones of our ancestors with every blast, speaks loudly about the world we are trending to. We need to prepare our communities and our soils for a time of peace, rather than rehearsing for a Third World War.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to share my Strong Opposition to this continuation of the destruction of the home that the U.S. Military says it is trying to protect.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Solomon Robert Nui Enos.

From: [world wide](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:55:00 AM

I, David Escalera, oppose D2.

Thank you

David Escalera

From: [SIONE FOTU](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:51:12 AM

I, sione Purdy Fotu , oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lindsey Fritz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Military at Pōhakula.
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:04:54 AM

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From: [Devin Funaro](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:38:14 AM

To whom this may concern,

I oppose D2. These are some of the last areas that locals are able to enjoy access to enjoy the natural area and one of the only places that islanders can ride dirtbikes. The dirtbike community is extremely strong and an important part of local culture.

I OPPOSE D2!

Devin Funaro

From: [Jason Gonzales](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:09:12 AM

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From: [Carmen Guzman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item D-2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:02:33 AM

Aloha Board,

I am writing to express strong opposition to agenda Item D-2 regarding the proposal to appraise and exchange ceded land of equal value.

We urge the board to reject this proposal and instead honor the initial agreement made over 80 years ago, which stipulated the restoration of Makua Valley to its original state.

As stewards of the land, it is our responsibility to ensure its preservation and protection for future generations. Any deviation from the original agreement would not only disregard the wishes of our ancestors but also jeopardize the integrity and sustainability of Mākua Valley. We appreciate your consideration of our stance on this matter and urge you to prioritize the preservation of Mākua Valley's natural and cultural heritage.

Mahalo,
Carmen L. Guzman-Simpliciano
Director of Kingdom Pathways
(808) 291-9231

From: [Dustin Halemano](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:02:43 AM

I, (Dustin Halemano), oppose D2.

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From: [Venus Gonsalves Henriques](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:37:42 AM

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Mahalo,

Venus Henriques

Honokaa, HI

From: [Violet Herzer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] US ARMY
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:58:52 AM

This is unhuman, no empathy what so ever for the people and their land. No respect towards culture has been shown ever since the Military has been here. If the Military reads this, all I can say to you is SHAME ON YOU. Learn to respect the land and understand its values, how would it make you feel if this was your land and someone did this to you for no reason when theres already so much military here.

From: [Jon Hinde](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:50:34 AM

I OPPOSE D2!!!

Thank you,

Jon Hinde

Foreman

Office: (801) 796-8420

Cell: (801) 735-4300



From: [Gary Hooser](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Gary Hooser](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Agenda item D. 2 Land Division - Authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:56:26 AM

To: BLNR

RE: Land Division Agenda D. 2

Please accept this testimony in opposition to authorizing the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal...etc.

This request is premature as before any appraisal is authorized there must be a thorough evaluation of the current condition of each property AND the Army must remove all ordinance unexploded or otherwise AND rehabilitate and restore those areas that have in the past been damaged by their activities.

The terms of any appraisal contract cannot be determined until the State determines first if it in fact desires to lease the lands, and if that answer is yes, then for what term and under what conditions. An accurate appraisal of value cannot be made until these questions are addressed and answered. For example a 1 year lease versus a 30 year lease would have far different values. Similarly a lease requiring or prohibiting various uses on the property will also significantly impact the value of any appraisal.

There must be a community process established to determine the future use of these properties that best reflect the needs and desires of the community as a whole. The environmental impact statements must be approved and accepted prior to determining any future use and the conditions any future lease might contain. All of these items will impact an appraisal and thus it is premature to enter into any contract for appraisal.

It should not be automatically assumed that new leases will be granted or that existing leases will be renewed or extended - as the process for determining the answer to these questions has not been established, let alone completed.

The BLNR and the State of Hawaii must seek out a future for these lands that's in the best interest of the people of Hawaii - a starting point is a community based process to address and resolve the many questions - prior to any appraisal or contracts for appraisal.

Mahalo,
Gary Hooser - private citizen- 808-652-4279

From: jacqui_hlpc@yahoo.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: BLNR APR 12 AGENDA ITEM D2 - Land Retention U.S. Army Pōhakuloa Training Area
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:28:52 AM
Attachments: [2024Apr11 Support PTA Land Retention.pdf](#)

Aloha,

Please find accompanying letter in support of the U.S. Army's retention of approximately 23,000 acres of state-owned land at the Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) on Hawai'i Island submitted on behalf of Hawai'i Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC) for tomorrow's (Friday, April 12th 2024) BLNR hearing.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Jacqui L. Hoover

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From: [Lisa G. Hummel](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:58:44 AM

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Lisa Greenwell Hummel
Kailua Kona, HI

From: [christopher hyde](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:04:13 AM

I, (Chris hyde), oppose D2. Military already has more then enough assets and has not only destroyed land and drinking water but also lack the capacity to maintain and fix issues within a timely manner.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Josh Olson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:33:13 AM

I, Joshua Olson, oppose D2.

From: [Genevieve Javier](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE D2- Against Negotiations to sell of land to the
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:09:58 AM

I am writing to oppose item D2 for Friday April 12 meeting.

The state of Hawaii should not sell land to the federal government, this could drastically change our communities.

OPPOSE. Please do the right thing and don't pass this.

Mahalo,

Genna Javier

From: [Cora Johnson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:19:46 AM

To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition of the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pōhakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pōhakuloa include critically endangered plant habitat and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require utmost care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats in danger. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is only one example of military negligence that has threatened ecosystems within the Pōhakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this 'āina is painful to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029. The health and wellbeing of the people and land of Hawai'i should be priority.

From: [Kale Kanaeholo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote "NO" on Item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:12:06 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I **firmly oppose** giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Kale Kanaeholo

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"He makemake ko'u e pololei ka moolelo o ko'u one hanau, aole na ka malihini e ao ia'u i ka moolelo o ko'u lahui, na'u e ao aku i ka moolelo i ka malihini." -S. M. Kamakau, *Ke Au Okoa* 16 Okatoba 1865

I want the history of my homeland to be correct. The foreigner shall not teach me the history of my people, I shall teach the foreigner.



Kale Kanaeholo, M.A.
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Ph.D. Student, History
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From: [Adam Karvonen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:33:12 AM

I oppose D2. There is already a small amount of public land on Oahu, there's no reason to be selling even more of it to the military.

Adam Karvonen

From: [Kristopher Keller](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:50:32 AM

I, Kristopher Keller a resident of Hawaii , oppose D2.

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From: [Bri Kleinhans](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:38:51 AM

I, Brianna, oppose D2.

From: [Nicholle Konanui](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Army's Purchasing Land for Pōhakuloa on Hawai'i Island!
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:09:46 AM

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Aloha nui,

Nicholle Konanui
Pāhoa, Hawai'i

From: adamkostylo@gmail.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:19:59 AM

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Adam Kostylo, Hawai'i Kai
(808) 366-0106

From: [Nate Krawczynski](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:37:26 AM

I OPPOSE D2

Best,
Natedawg

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From: [Jared Lambe](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:00:12 AM

I, Jared Lambe, oppose D2.

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From: [Jonah Lapitan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:52:18 AM

I, Jonah Lapitan, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Larsen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:14:42 AM

I OPPOSE D2

The military has taken enough land from the Hawaiians. This is one of the only places where riders can go and enjoy recreation. I strongly oppose the taking of this land.

Rich L

From: [Jason L](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:18:31 AM

I, Jason lee oppose D2.

Aloha

From: [Chenen Lin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:20:22 AM

I, Annie Lin, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Noelle Lindenmann](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:08:56 AM

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Sincerely
Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

Noelle Lindenmann (she/her/hers)
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p: 310.729.6627

From: [Noah Lisius](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:04:07 AM

I, (Noah Lisius), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Abner Lopez](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:17:53 AM

I oppose D2.

This island is already struggling to retain itself. Need more land for training exercises? Go elsewhere. Send us to California through DTS. Figure it the fuck out.

From: [Stephen Luksic](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: action@hapahi.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:07:27 AM

Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

Aloha,

Please no land swap for military training actives. Kaho'olawe is an example of the military disregard and disrespect to the people of Hawai'i and the environment. I have hopes and expectations of the DLNR to do the right thing for the protection of the citizens of Hawai'i and the land.

Maybe when Kaho'olawe has been cleaned up or upon completion of red hill fuel depot revitalization allowing the citizens to have clean drinking water, the military can negotiate for land use again. Until then, it seems like the DLNR is negligent and ineffective at protecting our land and the citizens if any more land is provided to the military. Hasn't Hawai'i suffered enough crisis and loss due to military privileges?

Thank you,
Stephen Lukisc
Kula, Hi 96790

From: [Makana Barger](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:17:42 AM

I, Makana, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Monica Stone](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:20:53 AM

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Monica Stone
808-333-1211
Monica.s.stone@gmail.com

From: [Julia Marrack](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:46:33 AM

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Your Name, Town

From: [Ashlie McGuire](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:16:06 AM

Aloha my name is Ashlie and I am a lifetime resident of Hawai'i. Please vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. We have seen what has happened when the military is given land and not held accountable for their actions (Red Hill, Kahoolawe, the fuel spill in Haleakalā) and we do not need more of this. For far too long the military has had a chokehold on Hawaiian lands, and specifically very sacred ones which feels cruel and intentional. Please do not give them the power to own the sacred lands of Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, or Kawaihoa-Poamoho. We need to be working to demilitarize the lands here, not increase the presence and power of the US military in a land they illegally occupy. Thank you for your time.

From: [Vanessa Meyers](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:03:22 AM

I OPPOSS D2!!!!

We love Kahuku. My keiki love Kahuku. Please don't take from us!!!!

Vanessa Meyers
602-814-6456

From: [Margaret Moody](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:40:38 AM

To whom this may concern,

I oppose D2. These are some of the last areas that locals are able to enjoy access to enjoy the natural area and one of the only places that islanders can ride dirtbikes. The dirtbike community is extremely strong and an important part of local culture.

I OPPOSE D2!

Margaret Moody, Project Assistant
Alameda County Resource Conservation District
margaret.moody@acrcd.org

From: [Tom Nooney](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:19:03 AM

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Your Name, Town
Thomas Nooney
Kula, Mai.Hi.

From: [Mitchell Olson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:10:53 AM

I oppose D2

From: [Casper Oneill](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:21:02 AM

I, Casper O'Neill, oppose D2.

Kahuku motorcross track is our only place to legally ride dirt bike on the whole island. It must not be shut down!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Natalie Perez](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item D2 - Kahuku
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:32:14 AM

I, Natalie Perez, oppose D2. Residents need access to the Kahuku Motocross track and surrounding area.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mark Pintaure](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:03:57 AM

I, Mark Pintaure oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jason Ponce](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:43:09 AM

I, (Jason Ponce), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mackenzzy Raco](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:12:47 AM

I (Mackenzzy Raco) oppose D2. Keep the land for our people not for military occupation.

From: [Jessica Redford](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Jessica Redford, Holualoa

From: [Cody Riturban](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:17:25 AM

I, Cody Riturban , oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Deirdre Roney](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:49:33 AM

Dear Members of Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I strongly oppose the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa.

Before a lease is extended, each property's current condition must be evaluated. The Army must remove all unexploded ordinances and other detritus. It must rehabilitate and restore areas their activities damaged. In addition, **a community process must be established** to determine the future use of these properties that best reflects the needs and desires of the community as a whole.

The BLNR and the State of Hawaii must seek a future for these lands that is in the **best interest of the people of Hawaii**. *This means significantly reducing or not leasing the land to the military because of their negligence.* Have we learned nothing from Red Hill???? The lease price in trade for environmental impact and damage to culturally significant landscapes is outrageous. Any negotiation is premature and inappropriate without a community process.

We strongly oppose the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant environmental and public safety risks.

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We urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to REJECT the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, we implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Do not assume a lease extension, and establish a community process.

Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Deirdre Roney
Holualoa
Hawai'i Island

Sent from my iPhone

From: [john sagario](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save Kahuku
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:50:26 AM

Aloha. We ask u kindly to keep our motocross track that we have on the island of Oahu. Home of the red raider. Our one and only designated track for us locals and the next generations to ride and enjoy family bonding. This track is very important for not just Oahu residents but for the rest of the other islands to come and compete these racing for us and these groms that are looking for a future in motorcross. Please keep our Park. Please keep our Park!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [SaiSupaCool](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:13:43 AM

I, (Saiden), oppose D2.

From: [christopher.satterfield](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:46:25 AM

I, Chris Satterfield, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Noel Shaw](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote "NO" on Item D.2.
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:02:12 AM

Aloha,

I'm writing to you on behalf of my family and I. We are fourth generation Hawaiian homesteaders and have family on Kauai, Maui, and Hawai'i island, holding ancestral ties to all of these spaces. Our three daughters are inheriting these relationships to place and the kuleana that accompanies it. Including being aloha 'āina who love, nourish, and will stand for the protection of Hawai'i for generations to come.

We collectively urge you to **vote NO on agenda item D.2.**

The desecration caused to the lands of Pōhakuloa, Mākua Valley, and Kahuku, Kawaihoa- Poamoho by the U.S. Army is so vast that it will take years to care for. Continued use of these lands by the U.S. Army will only result in further destruction and harm to the fragile ecosystems they are home to and they are connected to. The U.S. Army does not mālama 'āina as required by the state constitution and as necessitated by Hawai'i being a series of islands in the middle of the ocean.

Thus, we do not consent to any appraisal as they are priceless and must be returned to the people of Hawai'i for care.

Our waters and our continued livelihood here in Hawai'i are depended upon the U.S. military no longer being able to extract from our limited natural resources.

Please vote NO on agenda item D.2. and work toward true mālama 'āina by removing the U.S. military from Hawai'i as they demonstrate time and time again that they are not here to uphold our values of care for the land, resources, and Hawai'i's people.

Act pono,
Noel

Noel Kaleikalaunuoka'oia'i'o Shaw

619-261-5894

I, Kaitlyn Siegfried, oppose D2. Zoom out on the issue and see how much destruction the US military has already created on the Hawaiian lands as well as US using the islands for revenue without care or regard to the native peoples. I worked in Kahuku for a short time and many individuals there live in small houses with entire families, some living outside in the yards. This community needs resources and government assistance, not military presence or training grounds. Please think of the greater impacts on human kind rather than what you individually or as a country could gain.

From: [Henry Silva](#)
To: [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:10:10 AM

I, (Henry silva), oppose D2.

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From: [Carter Smith](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:24:14 AM

I OPPOSE D2!

From: [Jessica Sobocinski](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Against United States Army Training Land Retention Efforts on the Island of Hawai'i and O'ahu
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:51:52 AM

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resource Management,

My name is Jess Sobocinski. I am a resident of Hawai'i Island in the district of Hāmākua where I work as a first grade teacher at a HIDOE public school. I am submitting testimony in response to the following board agenda items for the meeting on Friday, April 12 2024-

"D. LAND DIVISION

2. Informational Briefing Update on the United States Army Training Land Retention Efforts for the Pōhakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawai'i and for Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Training Lands on the Island of O'ahu;

And

Authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services to Determine the Fair Market Value Currently Leased by the United States Army, Tax Map Keys (1) 5-8-002:002, 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 8-1- 001:007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4- 015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007."

I strongly oppose any retention of land in Hawai'i by the United States Military, whether it be long- or short-term leases or outright ownership. The presence and activity of the United States military, particularly at Pōhakuloa on Hawai'i Island has been detrimental to the health of our watersheds, ecosystems, and human populations. In addition to depleted uranium and unexploded ordinances, training activities pose a strong fire hazard in a dry, windy climate. This concern is even more present for us now given the Lāhainā fires of 2023.

My greatest hope is that the United States army is denied further access and occupation of Pōhakuloa and required to restore the land so that it may be safe to serve its ecological and cultural function as the meeting point for three major mountains and watersheds.

Mahalo,

Jess

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From: [Tyler Sonnemaker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:02:25 AM

Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Tyler Sonnemaker, Kailua

From: kailikeokalani@gmail.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:05:11 AM

I, Ka'ili Soon, oppose D2. Kahuku is a place where my family sends every weekend enjoying the beautiful aina. There has been occasions that the military has brought construction debris and dumped it up at Kahuku motocross park, they even destroyed a track that is used for kids. The military has already taken enough land from local people it needs to stop.

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From: [Cynthia Spencer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Military presence in Hawaii
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:37:54 AM

It's time for the military on all islands start cleaning up their Opala and give back the land to the rightful owners. We the people have funded all your projects through our taxes and should have a right to say what happens to all the lands that have been occupied and destroyed over the years. It's time to get out.
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From: [Adam Stenberg](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:19:59 AM

I oppose D2.

From: [Tamrin Summer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:13:38 AM

I, TAMRIN amantiad, oppose D2. It is the only place local people have on island to ride dirt bikes legally. Every where else would be unsafe and uncontrolled. The military owns enough of our land as it is. For once, put the locals first and do not sell another piece of our land to the US military.

From: [Melissa Tomlinson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:47:27 AM

Good morning BLNR,

Absolutely no. Unequivocally oppose! The suggestion of selling land to the military (especially because it isn't yours to sell) is infuriating. This shouldn't be on the table, it's so racist and colonial.

Which makes this look like heavy corruption at best and if approved absolutely would be so. As an american citizen by birth, I acknowledge that the u.s. "State of Hawai'i" is illegitimate and an apartheid state under military occupation in accordance with international law. I'm too furious to attempt writing some kind of perfect testimony that would reach your hearts and minds in such a way that it would guide you to make the only acceptable decision: opposing D2. Really I shouldn't have to, as leaders in the community you should be protecting the Native population.

The majority of the Hawaiian community is not ok with renewing their leases when they are up soon and so this is the government attempt to work around and force their illegal occupation to continue? Because that's what it would be. You have an obligation as human beings to stop acting in bad faith (ie violently) and to return these lands to Kānaka hands as they are the true heirs.

End the Military Occupation!

Sincerely,

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From: [Jodie Tonita](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item D-2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:11:46 AM

I urge the board to reject the proposal to appraise and exchange ceded land of equal value.

Mākua valley is sacred āina and must be restored to its original state as per the initial agreement reached over 80 years ago.

Mahalo,

Jodie Tonita
Waianae, HI
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From: [roderick tugaoen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:38:08 AM

I, Derick, oppose D2.

From: [Rodney Ulep](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:50:56 AM

I, Rodney, oppose D2.

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From: [John Victorino](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Land and Natural Resources testimony
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:02:26 AM

As a concerned citizen, I urge the Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources to carefully consider the implications of allowing the U.S. Army to retain its leased State-lands at Pōhakuloa and other sites such as Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Makua Training Lands on O'ahu. These lands hold deep cultural and historical significance to the native Hawaiian people, and their desecration through military activities goes against the principles of environmental conservation and cultural preservation.

The ongoing retention efforts by the U.S. Army perpetuate the legacy of colonialism and disregard for indigenous rights. Pōhakuloa and other sites are not merely training grounds; they are sacred lands that have been used by native Hawaiians for generations. Allowing the Army to continue its activities on these lands further erodes the connection between the native people and their ancestral heritage.

Furthermore, the environmental impact of military training exercises cannot be ignored. The destruction of natural habitats, pollution of water sources, and disturbance of wildlife pose significant threats to the delicate ecosystems of these areas. By prioritizing military interests over environmental conservation, we are jeopardizing the future well-being of Hawai'i's unique biodiversity.

I implore the Board to listen to the voices of indigenous communities and environmental advocates who oppose the purchase or land swap of these lands. It is our responsibility to protect and preserve these sacred sites for future generations, honoring the rich cultural heritage of Hawai'i and upholding the principles of environmental stewardship. I urge the Board to reject any proposals that would further infringe upon the rights of native Hawaiians and contribute to the desecration of sacred lands.

Mahalo,
Keala Victorino

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From: [Jake Wessling](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:14:22 AM

I, Jake Wessling, oppose D2. As someone who served in the 25th Infantry Division and rode dirt bikes at Kahuku MX this is a mistake. With the details I have from this...It seems that by putting the ball in the Army's court is a mistake for the Oahu community. The Army has enough resources and plan 3 years in advance for big training events. They should be able to coordinate with HMA when they need areas to train. From what I understand, HMA puts out their calendar of races/events a year out and has always been willing to accommodate changing dates for the military. I highly recommend that the Army does a better job at a coordinating system with HMA so both parties can continue utilizing the area for their needs.

Jake Wessling
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From: [Lisle Wilson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:47:22 AM

As some one who was in the military and enjoyed these wonderful tracks/ trails and would be heartbreaking to see these lands shutdown by the military!

I strongly oppose D2!

From: [Pikai Winchester](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:46:35 AM

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From: [Ty Wurtz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:49:06 AM

I oppose D2

From: [Christian Yogi](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:37:01 AM

I OPPOSE D2.

Kahuku Motocross Park is a second home to many of its riders. The acquisition of Kahuku if D-2 passes would also greatly increase the amount of illegal riding that happens on the island.

From: [Kelsi Yonting](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:17:19 AM

I, Kelsi Yonting, oppose D2.

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