



To: State of Hawaii - Board Of Land and Natural Resources

Date: January 21, 2026

Subject: BLNR Agenda Item C-2 MOU between DLNR and Parker Ranch, Inc. TMK: (3)4-4-014:004

From: Zachary Judd – VP Regional Planning at Parker Ranch

Aloha,

**Parker Ranch supports BLNR entering into an MOU between DLNR and Parker Ranch Inc for Ecosystem Protection Management in the Hamakua District, Hawaii Tax Map Key (3)4-4-014:004.**

Parker Ranch (PRI) is uniquely positioned to assist DLNR with Ecosystem Protection Management actions on parcel (3)4-4-014:004 in alignment with existing DLNR and Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance management plans. PRI is a member of the Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance, and maintains a dedicated team of conservation professionals tasked with reforestation and land stewardship activities across a range of landscapes on the Ranch. One of Parker Ranch's reforestation projects is directly adjacent to this parcel and PRI is offering to utilize its in-house reforestation capacity to augment DLNR's capacity to further improve the watershed health in the leeward Mauna Kea region. For some historical context, Parcel (3)4-4-014:004 was formerly under RP7762 which allowed PRI to graze the parcel until 2019 when the RP was mutually terminated to allow construction of an ungulate proof fence for DLNR's Mauna Kea Forest Reserve. We appreciate the effort to continue the coordination between PRI and DLNR to better steward the limited forest resources on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo,

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Aloha,

I am writing to express our strong support for the “Ecosystem Protection Management” agreement proposed near Pu‘u Kaluamakani, Hāmākua on the Island of Hawai‘i (TMK 344014004). The Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance, of which Parker Ranch is a signed member, is a watershed partnership composed of ten diverse partners that include the Department of Land and Natural Resources and spans over 416,000 acres across the upper elevation Mauna Kea landscape.

Parker Ranch project goals for their *mauka* lands align with our Watershed Partnership goals to protect and restore native forests with the broader vision of landscape connectivity. Ecological restoration activities on the north slope support partner goals for reforestation to provide habitat for native flora and fauna across land ownership boundaries, and protection from feral ungulates in public/private partnership. Please consider the Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance as a strong advocate and partner in support of collaborative management to meet watershed health objectives on Mauna Kea.

Mahalo nunui,



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