

NERRS Management Plan Focus Groups: How to Participate

The Management Plan includes a Strategic Plan that outlines the goals, objectives and priorities within certain areas of management. These three areas include:

- Research/Monitoring (for example: current research, research gaps, traditional ecological knowledge)
- Education/Training/Interpretative (for example: K-12 environmental programs, adult education programs, teaching training)
- Public Outreach/Resource Management (for example: public access, cultural practices, signage)

In addition to the public comments we receive during the public scoping meetings, information, ideas and mana`o on these topic areas will be discussed in greater detail by three focus groups. It is hoped that a diverse group of individuals from the community, relevant organizations, and experts in their field will contribute to the discussions of these focus groups. The drafts of the focus groups' input, comments and suggestions will be posted on the Hawaii NERRS website to ensure everyone is kept informed and may contribute to the discussion. All comments provided to the State will be fully considered.

If you would like to participate on one of the above focus groups, please submit your name, affiliation and contact information along with the name of the focus group you wish to serve on by email to rebecka.j.arbin@dbedt.hawaii.gov or by phone at (808) 587-2831.