

State of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

July 26, 2013

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE KAHAKAPAO RECREATIONAL AREA AS A NA ALA HELE FEATURE WITHIN THE MAUI NA ALA HELE TRAIL AND ACCESS PROGRAM INVENTORY.

SUMMARY:

This submittal requests that the Board designate the Kahakapao Recreational Area as a new Na Ala Hele feature within the Maui Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program inventory. The feature is located within the Makawao State Forest Reserve now under jurisdiction of the State of Hawai'i, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Tax Map Key: (2) 2-04-016-002, Makawao, Maui.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Hawai'i Administrative Rules - Chapter 130:

IIAR § 3-130-12 General purpose and scope. The Na Ala Hele Program shall be responsible for maintaining an inventory of trails and accesses in the State of Hawai'i. Program trails shall be selected from among the inventoried trails. Program trails area subject to the trail use rules set forth in subchapters 4, 5, and 6. The Na Ala Hele Program shall maintain a list of program trails, as it may be amended from time to time, and maps delineating and defining the trail location and route.

HAR § 13-130-13 Program trail and access designation. The board shall periodically designate the inclusion of a trail or access selected from among the inventoried trails and accesses upon consultation with the division, the Na Ala Hele staff, and the respective island advisory council from which a particular trail or access is located.

The Na Ala Hele staff and volunteers will construct the Kahakapao Recreational features according to Na Ala Hele's trail and access development guidelines. The feature is suitable for open public use, including hiking, bicycles, and equestrian use. An Environmental Assessment

(EA) was completed in June 2013 with a Finding of No Significant Impact. The EA contains a flora and fauna survey, archaeological inspection, and a cultural impact assessment.

Required Consultation:

Na Ala Hele staff has consulted with all other Maui DOFAW and Na Ala Hele Administration staff regarding this designation. Division staff have no objectives and offered no comments.

On June 26, 2013 the Na Ala Hele advisory council voted unanimously for adding the Kahakapao Recreational Area to the program trail inventory.

Feature Inventory Data:

Traditional name: Kahakapao Recreational Area
Owner: State of Hawai'i
Manager: DOFAW
Start Point: Kahakapao Loop Trail Parking Area
End Point: Trail loops around to end at the same location
Length: approximately 3.0 miles (trail has not been constructed yet)
Inventory #: to be determined

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board approves designating the Kahakapao Recreational Area as a new Maui Na Ala Hele Program Feature within the Maui Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program inventory.

Respectfully submitted,



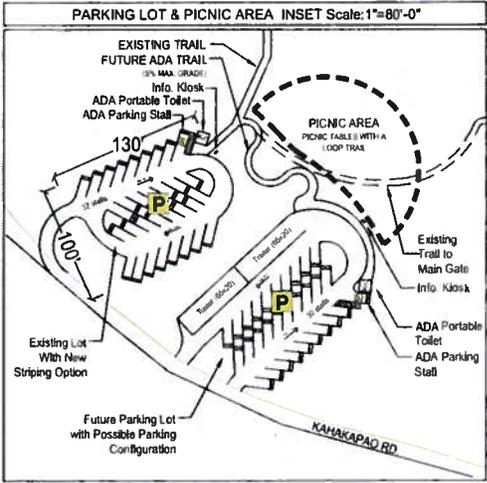
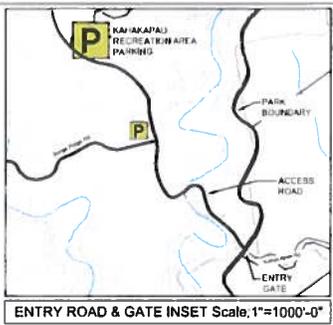
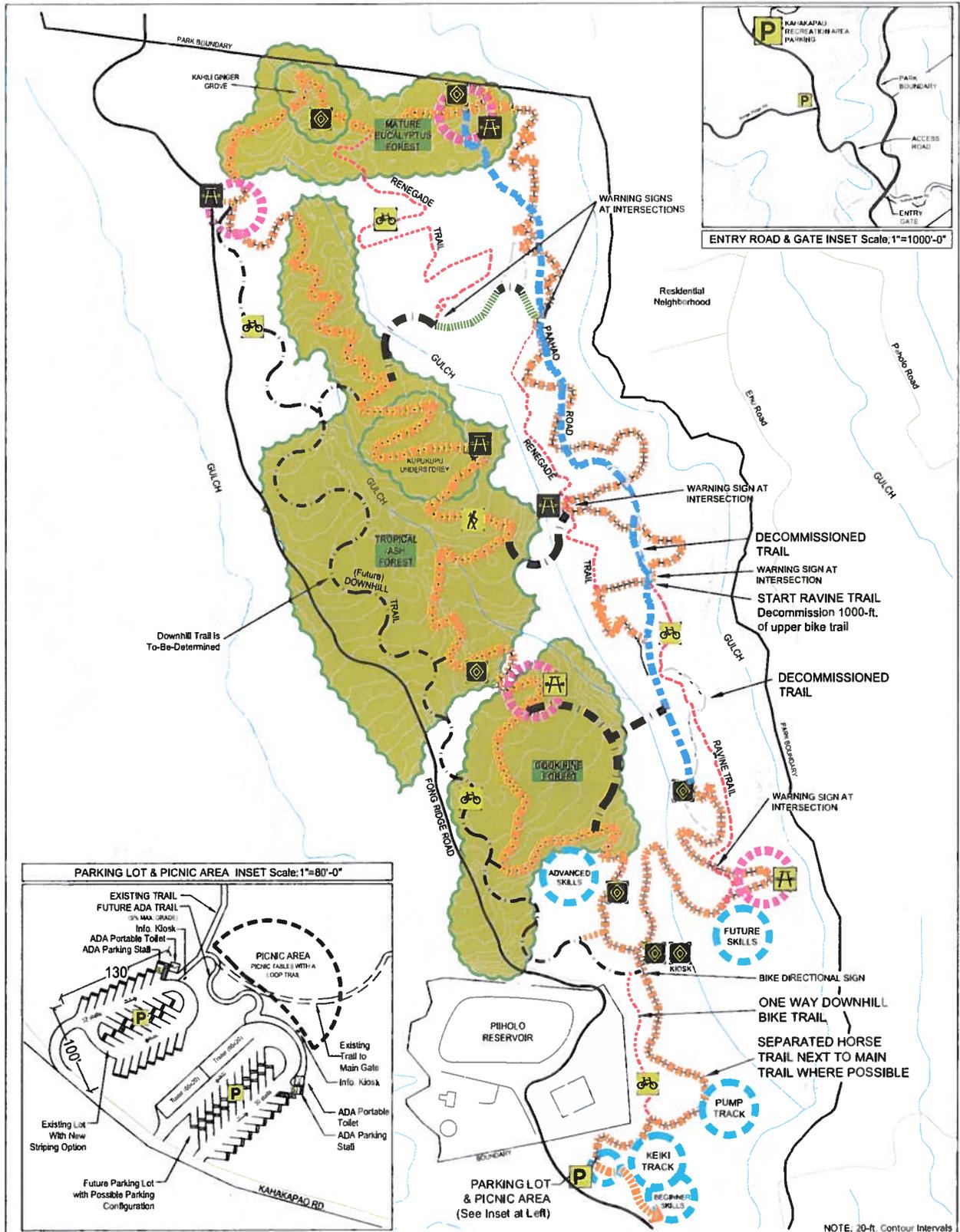
Roger Imoto, Administrator
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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Attachment I - Kahakapao Recreational Area Map



- LEGEND**
- EXISTING MULTI-USE TRAIL
(MULTI-USE TRAILS ARE BIKING, PEDESTRIAN AND EQUESTRIAN)
 - NEW MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - EQUESTRIAN-PREFERRED TRAIL (ALL USERS ALLOWED)
 - RE-DESIGNATED AS MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - NEW BIKE TRAIL
 - EXISTING BIKE TRAIL
 - DECOMMISSIONED TRAILS
 - EXISTING INTERPRETIVE SIGN
 - EXISTING PICNIC TABLE
 - NEW PICNIC TABLE OR BENCH
 - REST AREA WITH MAP KIOSK &/OR PICNIC TABLE
 - NEW IMPROVEMENT AREA

MAKAWAO FOREST RESERVE - MASTER PLAN
Kahakapao Recreation Area
 MAKAWAO, MAUI, HAWAII

CHRIS HART & PARTNERS

SCALE: 1"=600'-0"