

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

July 26, 2013

Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

REGARDING:           REQUEST FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE  
CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE, APPROVE, EXECUTE, AMEND,  
AND EXTEND RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
AGREEMENT(S) FOR THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND  
WILDLIFE TO CONDUCT CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT  
INCLUDING INVASIVE SPECIES AND FIRE CONTROL,  
RESTORATION OF NATIVE SPECIES, AND MONITORING AT  
ULUPALAKUA RANCH AT AUWAHI, MAUI, TAX MAP KEY: TMK  
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**BACKGROUND**

In 2002, Ulupalakua Ranch, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife entered into an agreement to protect and restore the native dryforest ecosystem in the Auwahi area of Ulupalakua Ranch which also would benefit the adjacent Kanaio Natural Area Reserve. This restoration effort entailed the installation of a fence to restrict feral ungulates (goats, pigs, and axis deer) from accessing the native forest and shrubland and allow natural regeneration of native plants to occur. This protected area (Exhibit 1) includes both State and Ulupalakua Ranch lands in the Agricultural District. DOFAW seeks to continue this partnership with Ulupalakua Ranch to protect this enclosed area which spans both private and State lands in the Kanaio and Auwahi districts from invasive species and restore the dryland native ecosystem, subject to landowner approval.

**CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

In 2003, an environmental assessment titled "Natural Resources Conservation Project Kanaio Natural Area Reserve" was completed for this project and received a Finding of No Significant Impact. These proposed management actions are a part of a larger project covered in the assessment.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board

1. Authorize the Chairperson to negotiate, approve and execute the Right-of-Entry and Release of Liability Agreements for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to conduct

conservation management including invasive species and fire control, restoration or introduction of native species, infrastructure installation and maintenance, and monitoring, on Ulupalakua Ranch, Tax Map Key 1-9:001:006, por., subject to review and approval by the Office of the Attorney General.

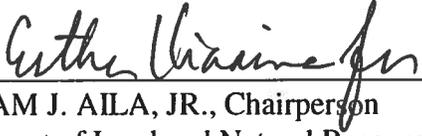
Respectfully Submitted,



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ROGER H. IMOTO, Administrator  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



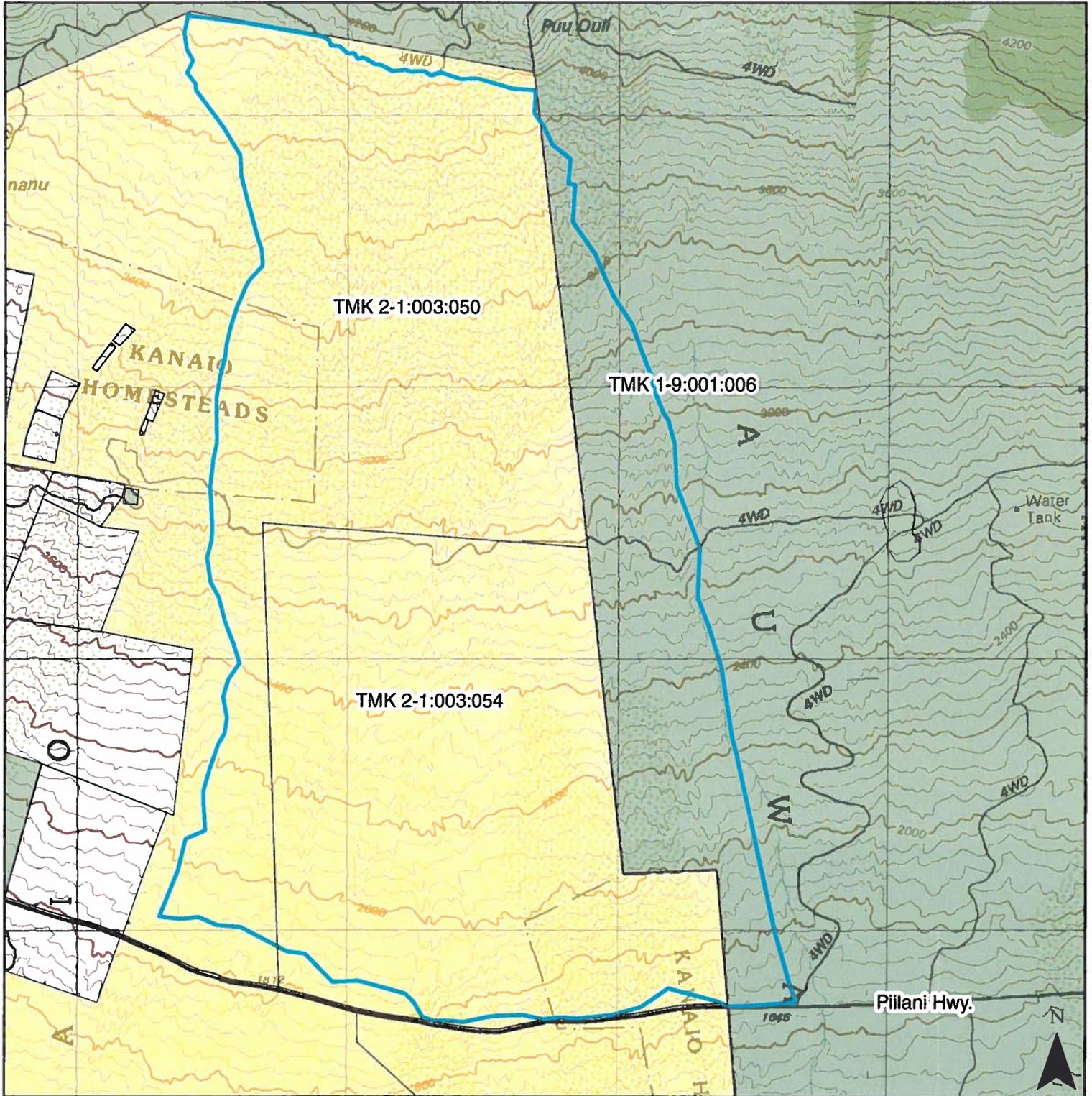
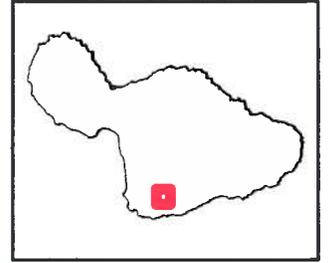
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WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., Chairperson  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Exhibit 1. Map

# Exhibit 1. Project Location

-  Tax Map Key
-  Ulupalakua Ranch
-  State
-  Fence



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