

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

June 27, 2014

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

PSF No.: 14MD-110

Maui

Issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service in conjunction with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH), for the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program at Honomaele and Kaeleku, Hana, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 1-3-003: Por. of 017.

APPLICANT:

Ashley Lehman of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service in conjunction with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH).

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Honomaele situated at Kaeleku, Hana, Maui, identified by Tax Map Key: (2) 1-3-003:017, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit A.

AREA:

485 acre parcel, data collection plots to be determined at the time of field research and analysis.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Agricultural
County of Maui: Agricultural

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: NO

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Currently the County of Maui's, Department of Environmental Management, operates a cinder quarry on the subject parcel. DLNR Land Division is working on a Board submittal for a formal disposition to the County for the existing use, which will be brought to the Board at a later date.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Forest inventory, analysis and research purposes.

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

July 21, 2014 through August 22, 2014.

CONSIDERATION:

Gratis.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with the Division of Land Management's Environmental Impact Statement Exemption List, approved by the Environmental Council and dated April 28, 1986, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class 5, No. 1, that states " Permission to enter State lands for the purpose of basic data collection, research, experimental management and resources evaluation activities such as archaeological survey, topographic survey, test borings for soil test, ground cover survey inspection of property for appraisal and development feasibility study purposes."

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Tax Map of the subject area.

Exhibit B – Topographic map of the subject area plot locations identified by red circles.

Exhibit C – Topographic photo of the subject research areas.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant shall be required to:

- 1) Contact the County of Maui's Environmental Management Department, Solid Waste Division (Hana) for gate access to the subject area.

REMARKS:

The USDA in conjunction with the RCUH has requested to access State unencumbered lands on the east side of Maui for an inventory and measurement of forest resources. The goal of the state wide inventory is to provide a baseline assessment of the Hawaii's current forests. Permanent plot areas will be mapped out within forest areas throughout Hawaii. At each of these plots forest compositions and structure will be assessed. The assessments will include tree measurements and understory species composition, as well as presence of invasive plants and pathogens and other disturbances such as feral pigs. Plots will be re-measured in ten years to provide insights into changes in forest extent, composition, structure and disturbances. Individual plot locations were randomly selected and have been through an initial phase of forest categorization based on aerial photographs and satellite imagery.

The data collected from these plots here on the island of Maui will be combined with those from other plots throughout the Hawaiian Islands and will be analyzed to provide insights into the extent, structure and composition of Hawaii's forests. This information will serve as a baseline for future re-measurements of forests.

Access to the subject areas will need to be coordinated with the County of Maui's Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division (Hana). Currently the County of Maui operates a cinder quarry on a portion of the subject parcel. DLNR Land Division is working on a Board submittal for a formal disposition to the County for the existing use, which will be brought to the Board at a later date.

No agency comments were solicited with regards to this request.

Staff is recommending gratis for this permit as the information gathered from this project will help to preserve and sustain forest areas throughout the State of Hawaii.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

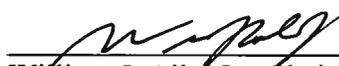
2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to the USDA and RCUH covering the subject area under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
 - B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel Ornellas,
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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson





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EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service in conjunction with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH).

Project / Reference No.: 14MD-110

Project Location: Honomaele and Kaeleku, Hana, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 1-3-003: Por. of 017.

Project Description: Forest inventory, analysis and research purposes

Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State land

Exemption Class No. and Description: In accordance with the Division of Land Management's Environmental Impact Statement Exemption List, approved by the Environmental Council and dated April 28, 1986, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class 5, No. 1, that states " Permission to enter State lands for the purpose of basic data collection, research, experimental management and resources evaluation activities such as archaeological survey, topographic survey, test borings for soil test, ground cover survey inspection of property for appraisal and development feasibility study purposes."

Consulted Parties: Forester Lance DeSilva of the State of Hawaii's, Division of Forestry and Wildlife was consulted as a source authority having jurisdiction or expertise in this matter, and concurs that the exemption identified above is applicable to and appropriate for the proposed project.

Recommendation:

It is anticipated this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.



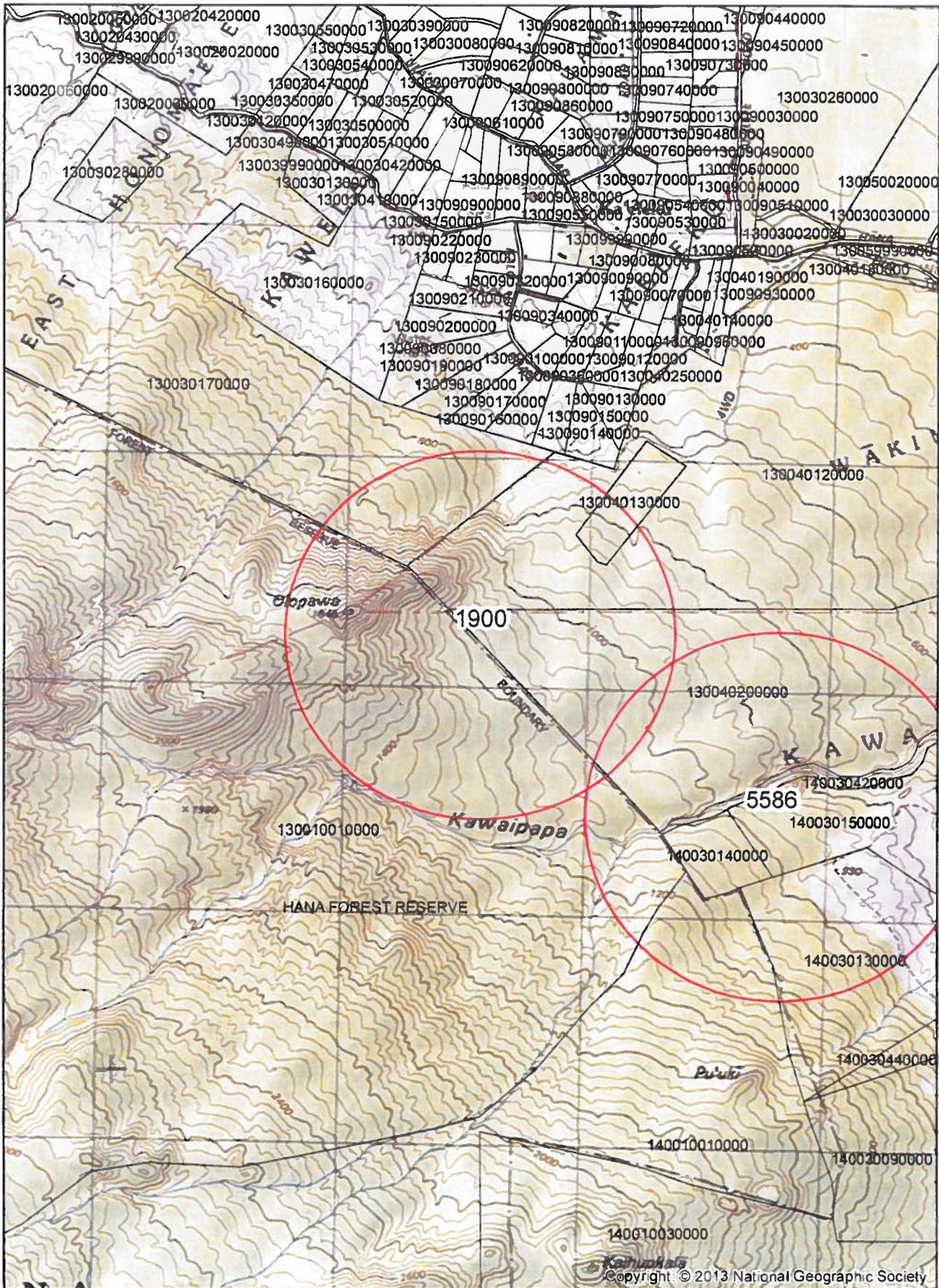
William J. Aila Jr., Chairperson

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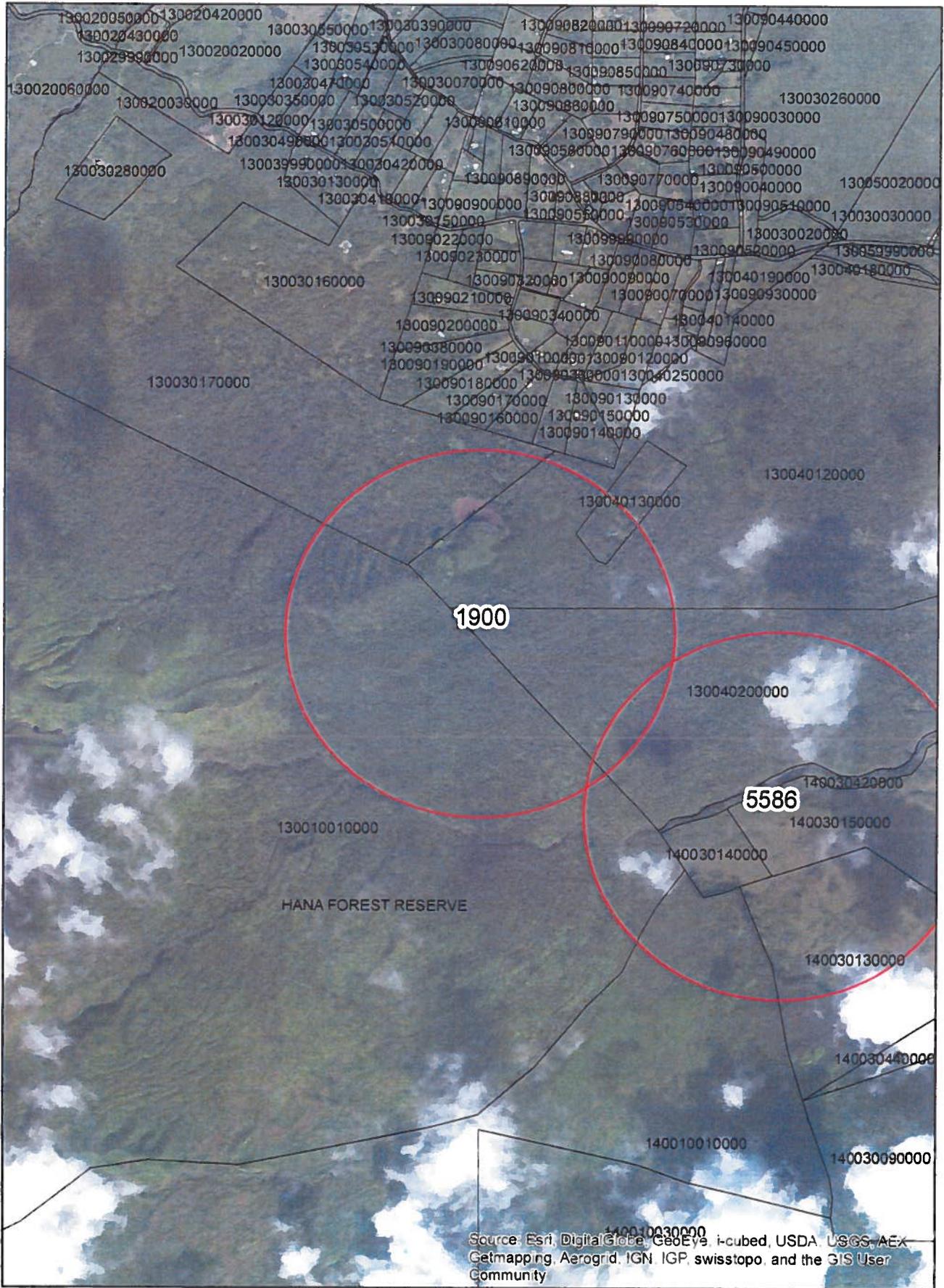
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Plot: 196U; Island: Maui; Scale: 1:24,000



Plot: 1900; Island: Maui; Scale: 1:24,000



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EXHIBIT " C "

