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SUSPENSE DATE: Three weeks
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of Environmental Quality Control

FROM: WILLIAM W. PATY, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
Conservation District Use Application

APPLICANT: Hyatt Regency Waikoloa

FILE: HA-7/17/90-2378

REQUEST: Commercial touring, hiking and picnicking activities

LOCATION: Various, Island of Hawaii

TMK(s): Various

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

Your comments regarding the request will be greatly appreciated at your earliest convenience. Should you require additional information on the application, please contact our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs at 8-7837.

If no response is received by the suspense date, we will assume there are no comments.

Attachment(s)

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Hyatt Regency Waikoloa
STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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DEPARTMENT MASTER APPLICATION FORM
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I. LANDOWNER/WATER SOURCE OWNER
(If State land, to be filled in by Government Agency in control of property)

Name Dept. of Land & Nat. Res.
Address P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, HI 96809

Telephone No. _____
SIGNATURE _____
Date _____

II. APPLICANT (Water Use, omit if applicant is landowner)

Name Hyatt Regency Waikoloa
Address One Waikoloa Beach Resort
Big Island of Hawai'i
Attn: Rick Wilson c/o Aloha Services
Telephone No. 885-1234 Ext. 1760

Interest in Property Sightseeing,
Hiking and Picnicking Tours
(Indicate interest in property; submit written evidence of this interest)

*SIGNATURE [Signature]
Date 3/24/90

*If for a Corporation, Partnership, Agency or Organization, must be signed by an authorized officer.

III. TYPE OF PERMIT(S) APPLYING FOR

- (x) A. State Lands
- (x) B. Conservation District Use
- () C. Withdraw Water From A Ground Water Control Area
- () D. Supply Water From A Ground Water Control Area
- () E. Well Drilling/Modification

IV. WELL OR LAND PARCEL LOCATION REQUESTED

District Various - See Application
Island Hawai'i
County Hawai'i
Tax Map Key Various - See Application
Area of Parcel Various - See Application
(Indicate in acres or sq. ft.)
Term (if lease) Not Applicable

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I. LANDOWNER/WATER SOURCE OWNER
(If State land, to be filled
in by Government Agency in
control of property)

Name County of Hawai'i
Address Dept. of Parks & Recreation
25 Aupuni St.
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Telephone No. 961-8311

SIGNATURE [Signature]

Date 2-7-90

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Island Hawai'i

County Hawai'i

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Area of Parcel Various - See Application
(Indicate in acres or
sq. ft.)

Term (if lease) Not Applicable

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ALL USES

I. DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS

Through this application, the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa seeks approval to conduct guided, personalized sightseeing tours to the following designated County and State parks and recreational sites on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

The following 7 sites are represented in this application:

- 1) Waipi'o Valley Overlook County Park
- 2) Keokea Beach County Park
- 3) Lapakahi State Historical Park
- 4) Kalopa Native Forest State Park & Forest Reserve
- 5) Akaka Falls State Park
- 6) Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area
- 7) Mauna Kea State Park

For the purpose of clarification, each site is addressed individually in the following descriptions (pgs. 2-15). Included with those descriptions are responses to all applicable questions outlined under (Information Required For All Uses) pgs. 3 & 4 of the CDUA Master Application Form.

The Environmental Requirements (Section V, pg. 2 of the CDUA Master Application Form) are addressed on pgs. 16-18. The Summary of Proposed Use (Section VI, pg. 2 of the CDUA Master Application Form) is addressed on pg. 19.

1) **WAIPI'O VALLEY OVERLOOK COUNTY PARK**

Hamakua District

TMK 3 - 4 - 8 - 04

- a) **Structures** - Restrooms with attached picnic table shelter.
- b) **Utilities** - Electricity and water.
- c) **Access** - State Hwy. 240 from Honoka'a (9.3 miles) terminates at the Waipi'o Valley Overlook parking lot.
- d) **Vegetation** - Consists of grass area with ornamental plants. There are no known rare native plants in the area.
- e) **Topography** - 30% slope from upper parking area to the viewing area overlooking Waipi'o Valley and coastline.
- f) **Shoreline** - Not Applicable
- g) **Covenants** - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) **Historic Sites** - Applicant is unaware of any known historic sites in the park.

II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY - WAIPU'O VALLEY OVERLOOK

Guests will be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa and transported to the Waipi'o Valley overlook. Upon arrival at the lookout, guests will spend time sightseeing and a picnic lunch will be served at the shelter. All picnic trash will be removed upon departure.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE Upon Receipt of Permit
COMPLETION DATE None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use Approximately 1 acre
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Honoka'a, 9.3 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpretation Not Applicable
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

- 1) Filing Fee \$50.00 Enclosed
- 2) Public Hearing Fee \$50.00 Enclosed

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CONDITIONAL USE ONLY

I. PLANS - This section is Not Applicable as no structures or facilities are to be constructed.

II. SUBZONE OBJECTIVE - Resource (R) subzone. (a) The objective of this subzone is to develop, with proper management, areas to ensure sustained use of the natural resources of those areas.

(b) The boundaries for the (R) subzone shall encompass:

- (3) Lands suitable for outdoor recreational uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and picnicking.

2) **KEOKEA BEACH COUNTY PARK**

No. Kohala District

TMK 3 - 5 - 2 - 01

- a) **Structures** - Restrooms with community pavilion, a separate picnic shelter and several picnic tables.
- b) **Utilities** - Electricity, water and showers.
- c) **Access** - From State Hwy. 270 approximately 3/4 mile down Keokea Beach Rd., which terminates at the parking area for the park.
- d) **Vegetation** - Consists of a grass area with ornamental plants. There are no known rare native plants in the area.
- e) **Topography** - Slight, grassy slope leading to a rocky beach.
- f) **Shoreline** - Consists of waterworn boulders forming a small breakwater which protects a shallow cove.
- g) **Covenants** - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) **Historic Sites** - Applicant is unaware of any known historic sites in the park.

II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY - KEOKEA BEACH COUNTY PARK

Guests will be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa and transported to Keokea Beach County Park. Upon arrival at the park, guests will spend time sightseeing and a picnic lunch will be served at the shelter.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE
COMPLETION DATE

Upon Receipt of Permit
None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use Approximately 7 acres
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Hawi, 7.3 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpretation Not Applicable
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

- 1) Filing Fee See Page 3
- 2) Public Hearing Fee See Page 3

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(b) The boundaries for the (R) subzone shall encompass:

- (3) Lands suitable for outdoor recreational uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and picnicking.

3) LAPAKAHI STATE HISTORICAL PARK

No. Kohala District

TMK 3 - 5 - 7 - 01

- a) **Structures** - The only structure is a small pili hale which serves as a visitor information booth. Portable toilets are located nearby.
- b) **Utilities** - There are none available, although water is provided through a drip irrigation system for watering the plants.
- c) **Access** - From State Hwy. 270, 12.1 miles north of Kawaihae.
- d) **Vegetation** - This area of the coast is quite arid with approximately 9-11 inches of rain per year. Vegetation normally consists of kiawe, ilima and scrub grasses. In the park area, a variety of plants are being raised on an irrigation drip system. These include banana, ti, gourd, papaya, milo, hau, kamani, coconut, hala, naupaka and kukui.
- e) **Topography** - The 265 acre park consists of land sloping gently to the ocean.
- f) **Shoreline** - The shoreline fronting Koai'e, Lapakahi's fishing village, consists of two small coral rubble beaches and bordering fingers of pahoehoe lava along 1/2 mile of coast. The area was designated a Marine Life Conservation District in 1979 and is divided into two subzones in which regulated activities are permitted.
- g) **Covenants** - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) **Historic Sites** - The entire area has been designated an historical park. None of the historical sites will be negatively affected, since the tours will be conducted as per the trail guide which is available to visitors.

II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY - LAPAKAHI STATE HISTORICAL PARK

- * Guests will be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa and transported to Lapakahi State Historical Park. A narrative walking tour will be conducted in the park, and a picnic lunch will be served at the picnic table adjacent to the visitor information booth. All trash from the picnic will be removed from the park upon departure.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE Upon Receipt of Permit
COMPLETION DATE None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use Approximately 265 acres
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Kawaihae, 12.1 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpretation Not Applicable
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

- 1) Filing Fee See Page 3
- 2) Public Hearing Fee See Page 3

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CONDITIONAL USE ONLY

I. PLANS - This section is Not Applicable as no structures or facilities are to be constructed.

II. SUBZONE OBJECTIVE - Resource (R) subzone. (a) The objective of this subzone is to develop, with proper management, areas to ensure sustained use of the natural resources of those areas.

(b) The boundaries for the (R) subzone shall encompass:

- (3) Lands suitable for outdoor recreational uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and picnicking.

4) KALOPA NATIVE FOREST STATE PARK & FOREST RESERVE

Hamakua District

TMK 3 - 4 - 4 - 16

- a) **Structures** - Facilities within the park include a campground, two rental cabins, a picnic pavilion, a recreation hall/kitchen and a caretaker's residence.
- b) **Utilities** - Electricity and water.
- c) **Access** - 3 miles from turnoff located on State Hwy. 19, approximately 5 miles SE of Honoka'a.
- d) **Vegetation** - The 100 acre park is considered an outstanding example of a native ohia/tree fern forest. Many endangered or rare indigeneous species are found in the park and are labeled, for educational purposes. There's also a wide variety of plants which were introduced to the islands by early Polynesian settlers, represented in the abortum section of the park.

The 515 acre forest reserve consists of tropical ash, eucalyptus, silk oak and ironwood. Approximately 7 miles of hiking and equestrian trails provide access for the public to enjoy the area.

- e) **Topography** - Sloping topography, varying in elevation from 2000 ft. at the main entrance to 2572 ft. at the highest point.
- f) **Shoreline** - Not Applicable
- g) **Covenants** - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) **Historic Sites** - Applicant is unaware of any known historic sites in the park.

I. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY - KALOPA NATIVE FOREST STATE PARK
and FOREST RESERVE

Guests will be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa and transported to Kalopa Native Forest State Park and Forest Reserve. Upon arrival at the park, guests will spend time hiking and sightseeing, and a picnic lunch will be served at either the picnic pavillion or one of the individual tables in the park. All trash from the picnic will be removed from the park upon departure.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE Upon Receipt of Permit
COMPLETION DATE None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use 615 Acres
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Honoka'a, 8.0 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpretation Hamakua Forest Reserve
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

- 1) Filing Fee See Page 3
- 2) Public Hearing Fee See Page 3

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I. PLANS - This section is Not Applicable as no structures or facilities are to be constructed.

II. SUBZONE OBJECTIVE - Resource (R) subzone. (a) The objective of this subzone is to develop, with proper management, areas to ensure sustained use of the natural resources of those areas.

(b) The boundaries for the (R) subzone shall encompass:

- (3) Lands suitable for outdoor recreational uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and picnicking.

5) AKAKA FALLS STATE PARK

So. Hilo District

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TMK 3 - 2 - 8 - 10

- a) Structures - Restroom facilities.
- b) Utilities - Electricity and water .
- c) Access - Via State Hwy. 220, 3.6 miles from State Hwy. 19 turnoff at Honomu.
- d) Vegetation - a native ohia-tree fern forest with a diversity of indigeneous and introduced tropical plants, including ginger, heliconia, fern, bamboo, impatient, azalea, philodendrum and diffenbachia.
- e) Topography - Sloping forested area bordering Kolekole Gulch.
- f) Shoreline - Not applicable
- g) Covenants - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) Historic Sites - Applicant is unaware of any known historic sites in the park.

I. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY - AKAKA FALLS STATE PARK

* Guests will be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa and transported to Akaka Falls State Park. Following arrival at the park, guests will be taken on a narrative walking tour to view the falls and be given an orientation on the natural history of the area.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE Upon Receipt of Permit
COMPLETION DATE None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use Approximately 7 acre
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Honolulu, 3.6 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpretation Hilo Forest Reserve
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

- 1) Filing Fee See Page 3
- 2) Public Hearing Fee See Page 3

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(b) The boundaries for the (R) subzone shall encompass:

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6) HAPUNA BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA

So. Kohala District

TMK 3 - 6 - 6 - 05

- a) Structures - Restrooms, showers, picnic pavilions, paved parking lots, and rental A-frame shelters.
- b) Utilities - Electricity, water, showers and phone service.
- c) Access - 1/2 mile from turnoff from State Hwy. 19 which is located 2.1 miles south of the Kawaihae Road / Hwy. 19 intersection.
- d) Vegetation - Consists primarily of palms, kiawe, naupaka, beach heliotrope, hala, grass and ornamentals. Applicant is unaware of any rare native plants located in the park.
- e) Topography - Slight slope from A-frame shelters located 1/4 mile mauka of the beach to the shoreline.
- f) Shoreline - A 1/2 mile long white sand beach is bordered on each end by pahoehoe outcropping. Located almost midway along the beach is a rock promontory that effectively divides the beach in half. The sandy beach slopes gently into deeper offshore waters.
- g) Covenants - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) Historic Sites - Applicant is unaware of any known historic sites in the park.

II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

HAPUNA BEACH
STATE RECREATION AREA

Guests will be picked up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa and transported to Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area. Guests will spend time on the beach and a picnic lunch will be served at the one of the shelters. All trash from the picnic will be removed upon departure.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE
COMPLETION DATE

Upon Receipt of Permit
None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUES

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use Approximately 20 acres
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Kawaihae, 2.6 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpetation Not Applicable
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

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- 2) Public Hearing Fee See Page 3

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7) MAUNA KEA STATE PARK

Hamakua District

- TMK 3 - 4 - 4 - 16

- a) Structures - Rental cabins, dining hall, rest-rooms, picnic tables and paved parking area.
- b) Utilities - Electricity, water, showers, and phone service.
- c) Access - From the Saddle Road (State Hwy. 200).
- d) Vegetation - Both native and induced species, including mamane, eucalyptus, and pine. Applicant is unaware of any rare native plants located in the park.
- e) Topography - Level and located at the 6200 ft. elevation.
- f) Shoreline - Not applicable.
- g) Covenants - Applicant is unaware of any existing covenants, easements or restrictions which would preclude the activities, outlined herein, from being conducted.
- h) Historic Sites - Applicant is unaware of any known historic sites in the park.

II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY - MAUNA KEA STATE PARK

- * Stops will occasionally be made at Mauna Kea State Park, at which time a picnic lunch will be served at one of the picnic sites or on the grass. All picnic trash will be removed upon departure.

III. COMMENCEMENT DATE Upon Receipt of Permit
COMPLETION DATE None - Program Ongoing

IV. TYPE OF USE REQUESTED

- 1) Permitted Use Title 13, Ch. 2, Sec. 13, Subzone R
- 2) Area of Proposed Use Approximately 7 acres
- 3) Nearest Town & Distance Waimea, 24.9 miles
- 4) Boundary Interpretation Not Applicable
- 5) Conservation District Subzone R
- 6) County General Plan Designation Not Known

V. FILING FEE

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- 2) Public Hearing Fee See Page 3

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

1) Applicant:

Hyatt Regency Waikoloa
One Waikoloa Beach Resort
Big Island of Hawai'i 96743

Attn: Rick Wilson / Aloha Services Department

2) Approving Agency:

Department of Land & Natural Resources

3) Consulted Agencies:

Office of Conservation & Environmental Affairs
Mr. Roger Evans - Director

Office of Environment Quality Control
Mr. Roy Sakamoto - Environmental Tech. Specialist

Division of State Parks / Big Island
Mr. Charles Supe - District Parks Superintendent

Division of Land Management / Big Island
Mr. Glen Taguchi - Director

4) Characteristics:

a) Technical - Guests will be transported by 4 wheel drive Jeep or passenger van to the designated sites.

b) Economic - Guests will pay for their tours when signing up at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa. No monies will be collected at any of the designated sites.

c) Social - Not Applicable

d) Environmental - The designated sites will be utilized for the purposes for which they were established (ie. to provide outdoor recreational opportunities and experiences for the general public and visitors to the Islands).

5) **Summary Description:**

The designated areas covered by this Conservation District Use Permit application (CDUA) include the following properties under County, State and Federal jurisdiction.

- 1) **Waipi'o Valley Overlook County Park**
Hamakua District TMK 3 - 4 - 8 - 04

- 2) **Keokea Beach County Park**
No. Kohala District TMK 3 - 5 - 2 - 01

- 3) **Lapakahi State Historical Park**
No. Kohala District TMK 3 - 5 - 7 - 01

- 4) **Kalopa Native Forest State Park & Forest Reserve - Hamakua District** TMK 3 - 4 - 4 - 16

- 5) **Akaka Falls State Park**
So. Hilo District TMK 3 - 2 - 8 - 10

- 6) **Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area**
So. Kohala District TMK 3 - 6 - 6 - 05

- 7) **Mauna Kea State Park**
Hamakua District TMK 3 - 4 - 4 - 16

For brevity, individual site maps have not been included. The sites referenced in this application are listed on all official maps of the Big Island.

6) Impact:

It is requested the Department of Land & Natural Resources issue a Negative Declaration regarding the activities outlined in this CDUA. In the opinion of the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa management, the intended activities will have no significant economic, environmental or social impact on the designated areas. To the contrary, a positive impact will be created through education and controlled utilization of those resources.

The range of sites selected offer a variety of alternatives for conducting personalized tours and were chosen for the diversity they represent. The Hyatt Regency Waikoloa will be offering personalized sightseeing tours to the more accessible, public and scenic areas of the Big Island.

Additionally, the sites offer sufficient diversity to satisfy individual interests, while providing Hyatt management flexibility in addressing changing weather conditions. This ensures that guests will have the opportunity to take one of the personalized tours.

7) Mitigation:

No mitigation measures are proposed.

8) Determination:

The activities proposed within this CDUA will have no adverse impact on the areas under consideration. Those activities (eg. sightseeing, short hikes, picnicking) are the types of recreational pursuits presently engaged in and enjoyed by both residents and visitors at those locations.

The goal of the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa is to provide guests with a meaningful and informative Hawaiian outdoor experience which can be enhanced and controlled by the use of a knowledgeable guide. In this manner, the use of those cultural and natural resources can be monitored, while visitors are educated as to the fragile nature of the Hawaiian environment.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED USE

The Hyatt Regency Waikoloa proposes offering guests personally customized and guided sightseeing tours to County and State parks on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

The proposed tours will be conducted for small groups utilizing a four wheel drive vehicle or passenger van.

Group size will vary from 2 to 8 people, since the tours being offered are personally customized for individuals and/or families. There will be a total of 5 to 7 tours per week, collectively, for the designated sites. The Hyatt Regency Waikoloa will provide driver/guide service, transportation, and a picnic lunch.

Each of the areas and associated facilities, designated within this CDDA, was established to provide outdoor recreational opportunities and experiences for the general public and visitors to the Islands. As such, these sites lend themselves well to the activities proposed herein.