## Table 1.1

## EARLIEST RECORDED PLACE NAMES FOR THE MAUNA KEA SUMMIT PLATEAU REGION

Documentation	Summit	Waiau and Lake	Poliahu		nit Plateau North Sect.
Wiltse Map (1862)		Pond Poliahu	Pond Poliahu	Kaluahakai Laimakeloa	Kamahakalau
Boundary Commission Book for Hawaii (1873)	Puu o kukahauula (highest peak)	Waiau (water in gulch)	Poliahu (on side of the moun- tain)	Kaluakaakoi Lanikepue (a cave (a pali) stone adzes)	Makanaka (a large ahu)
		Waiau (pond of water)	Poliahu (cave where Lilinoe lived)	Kaluakaakoi (two times)	Kamakahalau (a hill)
		Waiau (three times)	Poliahu (five times)		Kamakahalau (one time)

NOTES: Place names are grouped only by similar name or probable location, as most could not be consistently or reliably correlated with specific topographic features. Descriptive characteristics (e.g., hill, pond, pali, etc.) are listed with each place name when given in the native testimonies. Names mentioned without descriptions are listed with the total number of times that name appears in the Humuula testimonies.

## Table 1.2.

## CORRELATIONS BETWEEN NAMED CINDER CONES (OR PEAKS) AND AN ADZE QUARRY CAVE AS DESIGNATED ON FIVE MAPS BETWEEN 1884 AND 1956, MAUNA KEA QUADRANGLE.

Maps			Place	Names of	the Summi	it Cones		- K		
1884-91 Lyons <sup>1</sup>	Summit . Kukahauula	×.			aana yog - syn yn o dy orden de orden		Waiau	1	Lilinoe	n ann an t-Anna ann ann ann ann ann ann ann ann ann
1892 Alexander	$Summit^2$			Poliahu <sup>2</sup>			Waiau	ı Waiau <sup>2</sup>	Lilinoe	
1925-26 U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey	Summit	.*		Puu Poliah	u		Lake Wa:	Waiau iau Crate	Lilinoe r	
1937 Gregory and Wentworth		Puu Kea	Macrae Cone	Puu Poliah	Douglas u Cone	s Goodri	ch Lake Wa:	Puu iau Waia	Puu u Lilino	e
1956 J.S. Geologi- cal Survey	Puu Wekiu <sup>3</sup>	Puu Kea	Puu Hauoki <sup>3</sup>	Puu Poliah	Puu u Pohal	Puu Ha ku <sup>3</sup> Kea <sup>3</sup>	u Lake Wa:	Puu iau Waia	Puu u Lilino	e
Maps			Place	Names in	the Summ	it Platea	u Region		••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
1884-91 Lyons <sup>1</sup>			<b>,</b> 4					Kaupo Red Hill	White Hill Makanaka	Papale koki
1892 Alexander	Keonehehee <sup>2</sup>		Keanakakoi					Red Hill Kaupo	Makanaka	Papale koki
1925-26 J.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey	Keonehehee <sup>2</sup>	Puu Kookoolau	Keanakakoi					Red Hill	Puu Makanaka	
1937 Gregory and Wentworth	Keonehehee <sup>2</sup>		Keanakakoi	Puu Mahoe	Puu Poepoe	Puu Ala	Puu Hoaka	с. <sup>5</sup> ж.	Puu Makanaka	
1956 J.S. Geologi- cal Survey	Keonehehee <sup>2</sup>	Puu Kookoolau	Keanakakoi	Puu Mahoe	Puu Poepoe	Puu Ala	Puu Hoaka	Red Hill	Puu Makanaka	Papal koki

given on the label, but they raise the possibility that names from different time periods were added.

2Names reported by Alexander to be "genuine native names" with the exception of Poliahu. He attached the name Poliahu to this "nameless peak" in honor of the "demigoddess" who appears in the "Legend of Laieikawai." In Alexander's table, the highest peak is listed as Kukahauula, although this name does not appear on his 1892 map (Preston 1895:596).

<sup>3</sup>Names given to L.W. Bryan "by the old Hawaiians in the early 1920's" (Schmitt 1974a).

### Table 1.3

### LITERAL TRANSLATIONS OF PLACE NAMES FOUND ON THE CURRENT U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE

Name	Translation
Keanakako'i	the adze-making cave
Keonehehe'e	the sliding sand
Lake Waiau	swirling water
Papalekoki	no literal translation
Pu'u Ala	trail cone
Pu'u Hau Kea	white snow peak
Pu'u Hau'oki	frosty peak
Pu'u Hoaka	crescent cone
Pu'u Kea	white peak
Pu'u Ko'oko'olau	beggar-tick hill
Pu'u Lilinoe	mists (see Myths and Legends)
Pu'u Mahoe	twin cones
Pu'u Makanaka	no literal translation
Pu'u Poepoe	round cone
Pu'u Pohaku	rocky peak
Pu'u Poli'ahu	garment for the bosom (refer- ring to snow) (see Myths and Legends)
Pu'u Waiau	swirling water peak
Pu'u Wekiu	summit

SOURCES: *Place Names of Hawaii* (Pukui, Elbert, and Mookini 1974) and the Department of Planning and Economic Development Memorandum on Official Names (Marks 1974b).

Note the descriptive nature of most names applied to cinder cones since 1925-26 as opposed to the more obscure or uncertain meanings of older place names.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 1974

TO: Mr. E. H. Bryan, Jr. Dr. Samuel Elbert Mr. Richard Paglinawan Mr. Kazutaka Saiki Mr. Robert C. Schmitt Mr. J. O. Kilmartin Mr. Libert K. Landgraf Mr. L. W. Bryan Mr. Donald J. Orth Honorable Shunichi Kimura Mr. Sunao Kido

Shallerystary FROM:

SUBJECT: Official names of cones on Mauna Kea

NOTED MARTER 1974 We Secretary Domestic Coographic Names

This is to inform you of my decision regarding the names of ten cones atop Mauna Kea. I am establishing these names for use on official maps, documents and signs of the State of Hawaii, in accordance with the authority delegated to me by Governor John A. Burns on December 1967.

A request for official action on these names was made by Mr. J. O. Kilmartin, formerly of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The matter was carefully studied by the Advisory Committee on Geographic Names, which relied heavily on recommendations made by Mr. L. W. Bryan and Mr. Libert K. Landgraf, both of whom (like Mr. Kilmartin) are well acquainted with the area in question.

All ten cones are located at or near the top of Mauna Kea, the highest mountain in the State, in Kaohe ahupuaa, Hamakua district, Hawaii County. On State tax maps they appear in the Third Division, Zone 4, Section 4, Plat 15.

The ten names hereby approved are as follows:

Puu Ala: elev. 3,706 m. (12,160 ft.); 19°50'45" N., 155°26'47" W. The name means "trail cone."

Puu Hau Kea: elev. 4,097 m. (13,441 ft.); 19°49'00" N., 155°28'27" W. The name means "white snow peak". Variant: Goodrich Cone (after the Rev. Joseph Goodrich, first non-Hawaiian to reach the top of Mauna Kea, in 1823).

Puu Hau'oki: elev. 4,157 m. (13,640 ft.); 19°49'45" N., 155°28'30" W. Translated as "frosty peak". Variant: Macrae Cone, after James Macrae, a botanist who visited the summit in 1825.

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<u>Puu Hoaka</u>: elev. 3,680 m. (12,075 ft.); 19°51'17" N., 155°26'25" W. Translated as "crescent cone."

<u>Puu Kea</u>: elev. 4,190 m. (13,747 ft.); 19°49'43" N., 155°28'18" W. Translated as "white peak."

Puu Mahoe: elev. 4,009 m. (13,154 ft.); 19°50'20" N., 155°27'50" W. Translated as "twin cones."

<u>Puu Poepoe</u>: elev. 3,864 m. (12,679 ft.); 19°50'15" N., 155°26'57" W. Translated as "round cone."

Puu Pohaku: elev. 4,019 m. (13,186 ft.); 19°49'37" N., 155°29'40" W. Translated as "rocky peak." Variant: Douglas Cone, after David Douglas, the botanist who climbed Mauna Kea in 1834.

Puu Waiau: elev. 4,011 m. (13,160 ft.); 19°48'42" N., 155°28'57" W. Translated as "swirling water peak."

<u>Puu</u> <u>Wekiu</u>: elev. 4,205 m. (13,796 ft.); 19°49' N., 155°28' W. Translated as "summit". Variant: Kukahaula.

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> BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES Wednesday, December 16, 2009 9:30 a.m. Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room 235 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Review Names for the Anaehoomalu Quadrangle
- 3. Review Names for the Kalalua Quadrangle
- 4. Review and Discussion on the Kukahauula New Name Proposal
- 5. Old and New Business
- 6. Adjourn

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting (i.e., sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled), please contact Craig Tasaka at 587-2894, 48 hours prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made.



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To: Members, Hawaii Board on Geographic Names

From:

Craig Tasaka, Acting Chair Charge Tasaka

Subject: Meeting of the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names

A meeting of the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building (235 South Beretania Street).

Enclosed for your information and review is the meeting agenda, the spreadsheets for the Anaehoomalu and Kalalua Quadrangles and revised name application and draft board position on the Kukahauula proposal.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will not be able to attend the meeting. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 587-2894.

Enclosures

January February 3 9:30 am

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State of Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names	Spelling Correction Name Form Change
c/o Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism	Controversial Name Name Change
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Date Recieved:	30 Nov 2008
Initial Meeting Date	
Final Decision Date	

The Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names (HBGN) would like to endorse the attached application for a new name, Kūkahau'ula, shown below in Figure 1. It is located near the summit of Maunakea and encompasses a cluster of four (4) pu'u (hills/peaks), Pu'u Hau'oki, Pu'u Kea, and Pu'u Wēkiu and an un-named pu'u that is the site for three (3) telescopes. According to the joint applicants, Paula Helfrich and Kanoe Suganuma Wilson who were students at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Department of Anthropology when they began this application process and are now graduated, this summit area is a distinct, unique geological and topographical feature traditionally known as Kūkahau'ula.

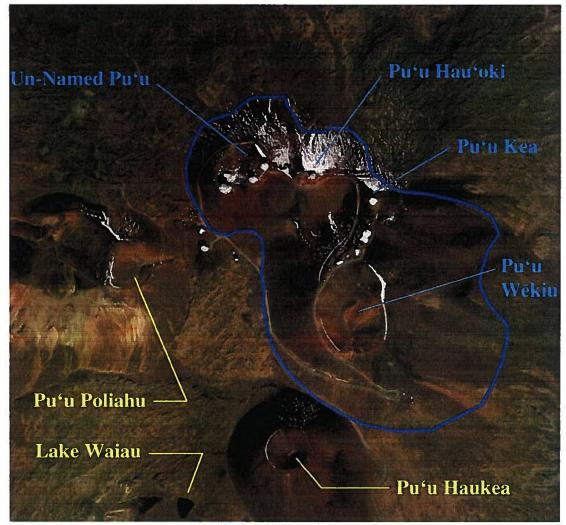


Figure 1. Planimetric view of Kūkahau'ula in the blue outlined area.

Their archival research reveals several map sources including,

- Alexander, W. D., (1892). "Summit Peaks of Mauna Kea." Register Map 1860, Survey Office, State of Hawaii.
- Baldwin, E. D., (1891). Field Book 323 page 55. Survey Office, State of Hawaii.
- Lyons, C. J., (1884). "North Side of Mauna Kea, Information Sketch." Register Map 1210, Survey Office, State of Hawaii, 1884-1891.
- Lyons, C. J., (1891). "Kaohe and Humuua, Hawaii." Register Map 1891, Survey Office, State of Hawaii.

The 1891 Lyons and Baldwin sources are included below as Figures 2 and 3, respectively.

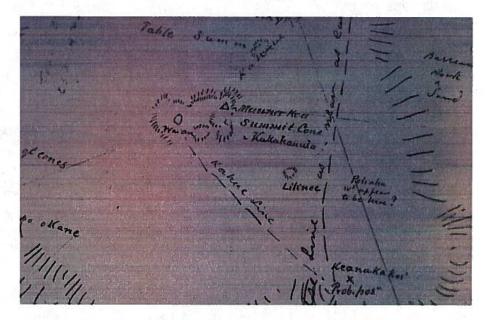


Figure 2. Scan of a portion of the 1891 Hawai'i Government Survey Map for Kaohe and Humuula. The image shows the name Kukahauula (a variant of the recommended spelling, Kūkahau'ula) as the Mauna Kea Summit Cone.

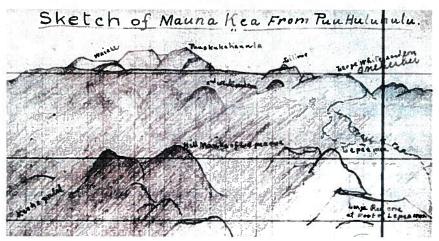


Figure 3. Portion of Baldwin sketch of Mauna Kea from Pu'uhuluhulu indicating the summit area as Puuokukahauula (a variant of the recommended spelling, Kūkahau'ula).

Their other archival documentation include references in

- Boundary Commission Books for Hawaii, Microfilm Archives of Hawaii, Vol. B:35.
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- Westervelt, W. D., (1915). Legends of Gods and Ghosts. Boston: H. Ellis, 56.

Perhaps the most convincing document they presented was a letter written in 1999 by Don Hibbard, the Administrator of the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division at that time, to Dr. Robert A McLaren, the Interim Director for the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa at that time. The letter was in response to the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) to build four (4) to six (6) "outrigger" telescopes on Pu'u Hau'oki. It discusses the cultural significance of the area including a detailed presentation of the name Kūkahau'ula as derived from stories, maps, and boundary testimonies. It also provides arguments for the location of the name being the group of cones near the summit, see Attachment 1 (especially page 2 last paragraph thru first paragraph page 5).

Lastly, According to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed TMT Observatory, the State Historic Preservation Officer has designated this area as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), specifically SPHD Site 21438. The Draft EIS further states, "ATCP is a property or a place eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places because of its association with cultural practices and beliefs that are (1) rooted in the history of a community, and (2) are important to maintaining the continuity of that community's traditional beliefs and practices." This Board understands that National recognition of this TCP is forthcoming.

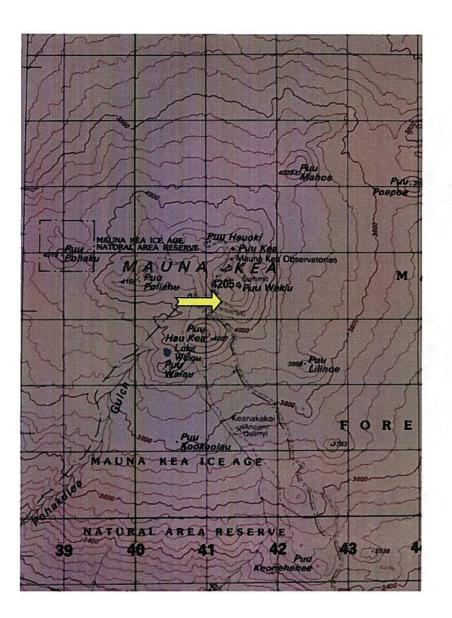
Although this Board acknowledges the nesting of significant place names as a Hawaiian cultural practice, it recognizes that in this particular case the cluster of cones near the summit of Mauna Kea has always been known as Kūkahau'ula to the people of Hawai'i Island. Thus the HBGN joins the applicants in requesting the new name Kūkahau'ula be officially recognized as the name for the area delineated in blue in Figures 1 and 4.

Lake Waiau N Pu <sup>*</sup> u Poliahu	
Waiau	
Pu'u Haukea	
Proposed Kukabau'ula	
Pu'u Lilinoe	

Figure 4 - Southwest perspective of Kūkahau'ula in blue outline.

# Mauna Kea Summit name change: Kūkahau'ula





We are recommending that the  $4120^{\circ}$  contour line as the demarcation point for the name change (please refer to map). This area encompasses the three puu, Hauoki, Kea and Wekiu that are the features we are new looking at renaming to the traditional name.

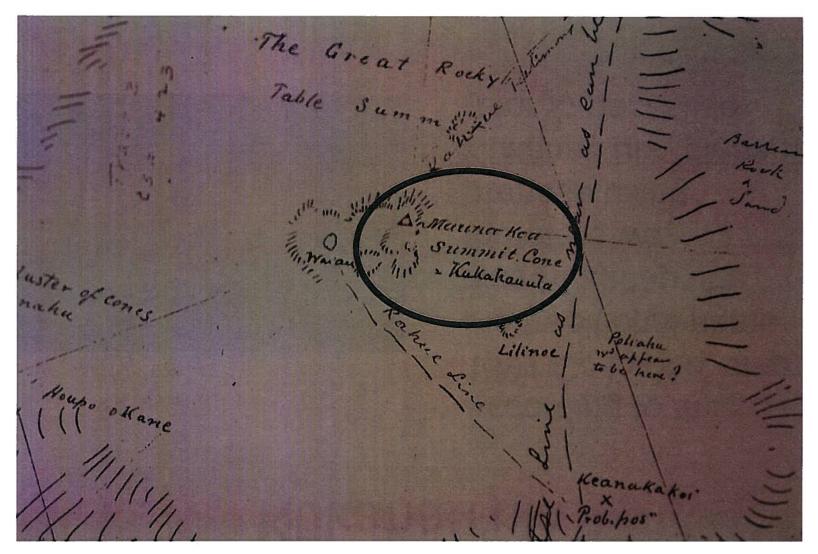
# Kūkahau'ula



 According to the 1891 CJ Lyons' map the traditional name was Kūkahau'ula, therefore we propose using Kūkahau'ula (please refer to next slide).

> Informants; raised in Warmea; native speaker

# Recommended name change is: Kūkahau'ula



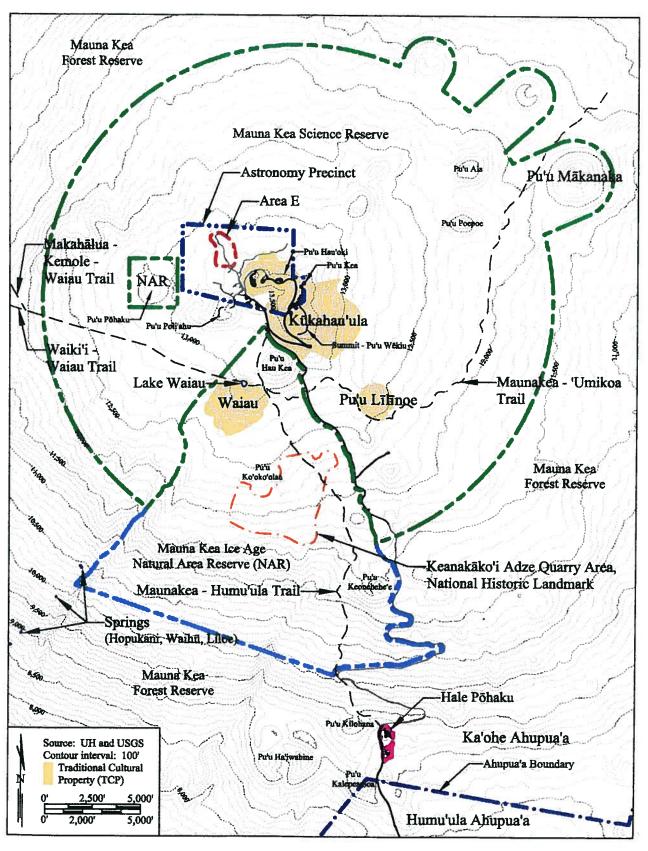


Figure 3-1: Cultural Resources in the Maunakea Summit Region

AGENDA ITEM #7 SOH\_OFFICE\_OF\_PLANNING

FROM : ILBC/YIS

# HAWAII GEOGRAPHIC NAME APPLICATION

STATE OF HAWAII	
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES C/O OFFICE OF PLANNING	Spelling Correction
DEPT. OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM	Controversial Name
P.O. BOX 2359	Obscure Hawaiian Name
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804	Name Form Change
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- Maunakea 'Umikoa Trail. This trail is not mentioned in early accounts, and it first appears on maps in the 1920s. The trail may well be an ancient trail, but the name appears to be modern and likely derived from the 'Umikoa Ranch. Horseback trips to Maunakea from the ranch took place in the early 1900s and perhaps earlier. The trail enters the MKSR between Pu'u Mākanaka and Pu'u Hoaka on the northeastern slope, passes below and west of Pu'u Līlīnoe, and intersects the Humu'ula Trail near Lake Waiau.
- Waiki'i Waiau Trail leads up to Waiau from the west.
- Makahālau Kemole Waiau Trail leads to Waiau from the northwest.

None of these trails are near the proposed TMT Observatory or Access Way. Today the Maunakea – Humu'ula Trail essentially ends at the Maunakea Access Road near the Batch Plant Staging Area. From this point to the summit, people walk on the road until a trail leads to the summit from near the UH observatories. Some people park at the Batch Plant Staging Area to walk along the trail to Lake Waiau.

# Traditional Cultural Properties and Proposed Historic District

Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) are designated by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO); in Hawai'i the SHPO is the Director of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), under which is the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). A TCP is a property or a place that is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places because of its association with cultural practices and beliefs that are (1) rooted in the history of a community, and (2) are important to maintaining the continuity of that community's traditional beliefs and practices. Three places on Maunakea have been identified by the SHPD as TCPs (Figure 3-1). These are:

- Kūkahau'ula, SPHD Site 21438. The designated TCP area includes the summit cinder cones, traditionally collectively referred to as Kūkahau'ula, but in recent times referred to separately as Pu'u Wēkiu, Pu'u Kea, and Pu'u Hau'oki.
- Pu'u Līlīnoe, SHPD Site 21439. The designed TCP includes the entire Pu'u Līlīnoe cinder cone.
- Waiau, SHPD Site 21440. The designed TCP includes the entire Pu'u Waiau, including Lake Waiau. Waiau is located in the Ice Age NAR.

Other places on Maunakea have been identified as potentially eligible for TCP designation; however, only the three places listed above are the currently designated TCPs.

The Maunakea summit region has been proposed to be designed as a historic district. However, to date, no official application has been made; as such no review or determination has been made. The Maunakea summit region is not currently a historic district although it may be eligible and the CMP discusses it as such.

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A group of cinder cones make up the summit of Maunakea. Since the 1960s, these cinder cones have been referred to individually as Pu'u Wēkiu, Pu'u Hau'oki, and Pu'u Kea; one of the cinder cones has not been given a modern name (the one on which Subaru and Keck sit). Up until about 1932, these cinder cones were collectively referred to as Pu'u Kūkahau'ula (Figure 3-1). Evidence suggests that the name Kūkahau'ula referred to both a legendary figure and a character in traditional histories and genealogies, including references to Kūkahau'ula as the husband of Līlīnoe or as an 'aumakua (family deity). Kūkahau'ula is referred to as the pink-tinted snow god, and Kumu Pono reported (2005) that Kūkahau'ula was "named for a form of the god Kū, where the piko of new-born children were taken to insure long life and safety."<sup>17</sup>

There are several myths concerning the goddesses Poli'ahu and Līlīnoe, both of which have pu'u named for them on Maunakea (Figure 3-1). It has been claimed that Poli'ahu was one of four snow goddesses "who embodied the mythical ideas of spirits carrying on eternal warfare between heat and cold, fire and frost, burning lava and stony ice."<sup>18</sup> According to several legends, Poli'ahu was the rival of the fire-goddess, Pele. Poli'ahu is said to be the first daughter of Kāne and continues to be commonly referred to as the beautiful snow goddess of Maunakea. Contrary to popular belief, however, Poli'ahu's name was attached to the present-day Pu'u Poli'ahu in 1892 by the surveyor W.D. Alexander, and not through Native Hawaiian traditions<sup>19</sup>.

The goddess Līlīnoe is commonly referred to as the "goddess of the mists and younger sister of the more famous Poli'ahu."<sup>20</sup> The pu'u named after this goddess (Figure 3-1) does appear to be related to use by Native Hawaiians and is considered the abode of the goddess. It has been claimed that Līlīnoe was another of the four snow goddesses, together with Poli'ahu. Līlīnoe has also appeared as a person in genealogies and legends, including a reference to her as the "wife of Nu'u, the 'Noah', of the discredited Hawai'i Loa legend involving a great flood." Līlīnoe has also been referred to as "the woman of the mountains" and the ancestress of Pea, a kahuna of Umi's time.

As described in the CMP, Waiau is also mentioned as a goddess in several legends. The pu'u named for this goddess also appears to be related to use by Native Hawaiians and is considered the abode of the goddess. Waiau has been identified as another of the four snow goddesses, together with Poli'ahu and Līlīnoe. Pualani Kanaka'ole Kanahele has described that the three pu'u-Poli'ahu, Līlīnoe, and Waiau, are sister goddesses who are female forms of water, and that all three of the cinder cones or pu'u are important religious sites. Lake Waiau, within Pu'u Waiau, also appears within Hawaiian myth and is considered sacred by modern cultural practitioners.

McEldowney points out that while the myths and legends associated with the summit area do not figure prominently in traditional histories, those histories

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Langlas, 1999:7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Kumu Pono, 2005:vi.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Westervelt, 1963:55.

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# Board Meeting October 15, 2008

### Honorable Chair and Members of the Board:

My name is Paula Helfrich and I have completed studies for an anthropology degree at UH-Hilo, and have commenced field research in Myanmar towards a Masters' degree in Cultural Resource Management. My fellow UHH students, advisors, academic experts and cultural practitioners have worked towards the requested name change of the summit of Mauna Kea to its ancient and cultural name of Pu'u Ku Kahau'ula.

In 2002, during the course of the Summer Institute at Mauna Kea at Hawaii Community College, many students were struck by the lack of a comprehensive name list or interpretive useage for the Pu'u of the Mauna Kea District (attached; May 2002). In 2007, Dr. Holly MacEldowney provided our CRM classes, through Dr. Peter Mills, with expert advise concerning the status of the summit area and the Pu'u, as well as specific records on expert recommendations for the region (attached; June, 1999)

In part as a class exercise, but more importantly because of the need to call traditional places by their right names, members of the CRM class worked to develop a proposal for the Mauna Kea Summit Region as a Traditional and Cultural Property, and also to request the name change to Pu'u Ku Kahau'ula.

Community support for this endeavor has been very positive for many reasons, articulated in the attached letter (file date June, 1999) from Don Hibbard, SHPO. The research has been updated by several recent endeavors, but it is worth noting that the historical records have been proven, time and again, to point towards the traditional and cultural name of Pu'u Ku Kahau'ula for the cinder cone region at the highest elevation of Mauna Kea.

To summarize Dr. MacEldowney and Dr. Hibbard's written statements and lectures, there are four prevailing reasons to support the designation of Pu'u Ku Kahau'ula for the cinder cone region currently designated as Pu'u Hau Oki, Pu'u Wekiu, and Pu'u Kea. They have cited an extensive bibliography in the attached letter.

- 1. There is substantial characterization of recorded traditions and legends to support the change. Almost all historic records note a single cultural and historic feature, based on the following:
  - a. Ku Kahau'ula as an aumakua and demigod of fishermen.
  - b. The legends of Ku Kahau'ula and Poliahu.
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  - a. Summit maps as a single cinder-cone region.
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4. Archeological Data as a focal point

As with many of the sites I am currently working on, sometimes what is NOT present is as telling as the remains of previous cultural practices. The summit cone region of Pu'u Ku Kahau'ula is devoid of any known archeological evidence. All shrines radiate outward from the base of the summit cluster with nothing on the summit itself. This would be reinforced by traditional knowledge and practices, and also by William Ellis's 1823 journal describing the sacrosanct tradition of the "Abode of the Gods" as in many mountain cultures.

In closing, there is another tradition that bridges ancient and modern Hawaiian cultural values, and that is the importance of ancient place names. There are no songs written to honor Pu'u Wekiu, Pu'u Hau Oki, or Pu'u Kea, which were short, pithy descriptives with no history. However, the Pele Legends, Poliahu, or Waiau, or Kanakaleonui will ring down through the years.

On behalf of the students and supporters of ancient and modern cultural resource management, we ask for your consideration of this important community-based request.

We hope it will inspire all practitioners and responsible participants to encourage more efforts to call our historic places by their proper names.

Thank you for your consideration.

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