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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Pōhakuloa Training Area Naming that includes "Reservation"
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Thanks.

Attached is some background I have started to develop.

It all actually started when I reviewed the Conservation District Subzone mapping (2012). That uses the reference 'Pōhakuloa Training Area Reservation' and notes "(Prepared on the State of Hawai'i's GIS - NOVEMBER 2012)"

When I asked the Army about the name 'Pōhakuloa Training Area Reservation', they responded, "Never heard of that phrase, however, it sounds like something in the 50s or 60s when the parcels were being adjudicated." However, the EOs and Lease in that time frame all, and only, reference it simply as Pōhakuloa Training Area.

While the USGS US Board on Geographic Names says Pōhakuloa Training Area, the 1975 USGS online Hawaii Island Topographic map uses the parenthetical '(Military Reservation)' under the Pōhakuloa Training Area name.

Thanks,
Peter.

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Hi Peter –

Hope all is well with you, too.

I am asking Arthur Buto, State GIS Planning Program Manager in OPSD, to respond directly to you with whatever information or sources most likely to have the information you are looking for.

Hi Art -- Please respond directly to Peter with a cc to me, since I am curious about Peter's query.

Thanks, Mary Alice

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Mary Alice.

I hope all is well. I am not sure who else to turn to, so I am asking you.

I am trying to get information (timing, who did it, what prompted the name, why ...) about the naming of Pōhākulōa Training Area (PTA) that includes reference as a 'Reservation' or 'Military Reservation.' I have reached out to the Army.

I see the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names is under Planning. A summary they note for Hawaii Island shows:

Feature ID	Feature Name	Class
2511979	Pōhākulōa Training Area	Military

Corrected Name	Source	Quad
Pōhākulōa Training Area (Military Reservation)	PNH	Puukoli

(I have guesses, but I do not know for sure what PNH stands for.)

So, sometime and for some reason, the HBGN 'Corrected' the name of PTA and added the 'Military Reservation'.

I have reviewed various Executive Orders and Lease about the affected property, and none reference any form of 'Reservation.'

I found the DLNR OCCL Conservation District subzone map and it refers to the area as the PTA Reservation. I have reached out to DLNR, as well as the State Surveyor.

Anyway, where may I get information that moved the HBGN to 'correct' the name of PTA? (I am looking for the who, what, when, where and why kind of info.)

Thanks,
Peter.

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PTA Naming

Hawaii Board of Geographic Names

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2511979	Pōhakuloa Training Area	Military	Pōhakuloa Training Area (Military Reservation)	PNH	Puukoli

USGS – US Board on Geographic Names

Feature ID: 2511979
Name: Pōhakuloa Training Area
Class: Military
Location: Hawaii County - Hawaii
Citation:
Source Type: Text
Reference: US
Originator: U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Publication Date: October 31, 2011
Title: Geographic Names Post Phase I Board/Staff Revisions
Edition:
Original Citation: Board decisions referenced after Phase I data compilation or staff researched non-controversial names.
Entry Date: November 17, 2008
*Elevation: 1794 meters / 5886 feet

Hawaiian Place Names

Pohakuloa Training Area

Island: Hawai'i: Hāmākua
Ahupua'a: Kaohe Mauka
Feature: place
Comments: U. S. Army facility. Elev. about 6100 ft.
Lexicology: pōhakuloa. PEM: long stone.
Source: USGS 1956.
Quadrangle: 10-22
North: 336,000
East: 480,000
Coordinates: 19.755486 / -155.555450
Catalog No.: 344.46.058

Puu Pohakuloa

Island: Hawai'i: Hāmākua
Ahupua'a: Kaohe Mauka
Feature: cone
Comments: Cinder cone in the Hamakua Volcanic Series. Elev. 6470 ft. **The hill gives its name to Pohakuloa Camp, Pohakuloa Ranger Station, Pohakuloa Training Area.**
Lexicology: pōhaku-loa. PEM: long stone.

Source: USGS 1956; Stearns and Macdonald 1946.

Quadrangle: 10-22

North: 337,450

East: 486,550

Coordinates: 19.759483 / -155.536401

Catalog No.: 344.46.020