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 
1-9:001:006, POR.,

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,

[Signature]

ROGER H. IMOTO, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

[Signature]

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

DOFAW July 2013. Feature approximate and subject to change.