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

October 9, 2015

Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii PSF No.: 15HD-148

Hawai'i

D-3

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to American Forest Management, Inc., Onto Unencumbered State Lands for Access Purposes, at Kamoauau, Hamakua, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 4-3-006:012.

### APPLICANT:

American Forest Management, Inc., a South Carolina corporation.

#### LEGAL REFERENCE:

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

#### LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Kamoauau, Hamakua, Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Key: (3) 4-3-006:012

#### <u>AREA</u>:

Access route: .50 acres, more or less.

#### ZONING:

State Land Use District: Agriculture County of Hawaii CZO: Agriculture

#### TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: Yes

# CURRENT USE STATUS:

Unencumbered State Land

#### CHARACTER OF USE:

Access route for transportation of harvested eucalyptus trees.

### TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

Six months.

#### CONSIDERATION:

Right-of-entry for access route purposes: Gratis.

#### CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

See Exemption Notification attached as Exhibit B.

#### **DCCA VERIFICATION:**

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES X	NO
Registered business name confirmed:	YES X	NO
Applicant in good standing confirmed:	YES X	NO

#### APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant shall be required to:

Provide maps indicating location of the access route.

#### **REMARKS**:

The Applicant is in the process of harvesting the eucalyptus trees planted on Kamehameha Schools, Bishop Estates (KSBE) lands including those adjacent to the subject State parcel. One of the primary routes through which these trees can be transported is Pohakea Road above Pa'auilo town. The subject access route through the State land is an old sugar era plantation railroad line which provided access from Pohakea Road east to the former Pa'auilo airstrip and KSBE timber lands.

The Applicant is requesting a right-of-entry onto State land located between KSBE lands identified in Exhibit A. The access will be used as a haul route for both empty and loaded timber hauling trucks bringing harvested eucalyptus trees from adjacent KSBE lands. The estimated time to complete the project is six months.

The harvested material is owned by the Applicant. There is no commercial use of State lands apart from the transit across the lands for harvesting purposes. Therefore, Applicant is requesting that the Board waive the rental fee for use of the State lands. Because the requested use is transitory and non-exclusive, staff has no objection to the request.

#### **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 American Forest Management Inc. covering the subject areas 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-ofentry permit form, as may be amended from time to time; and
  - B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

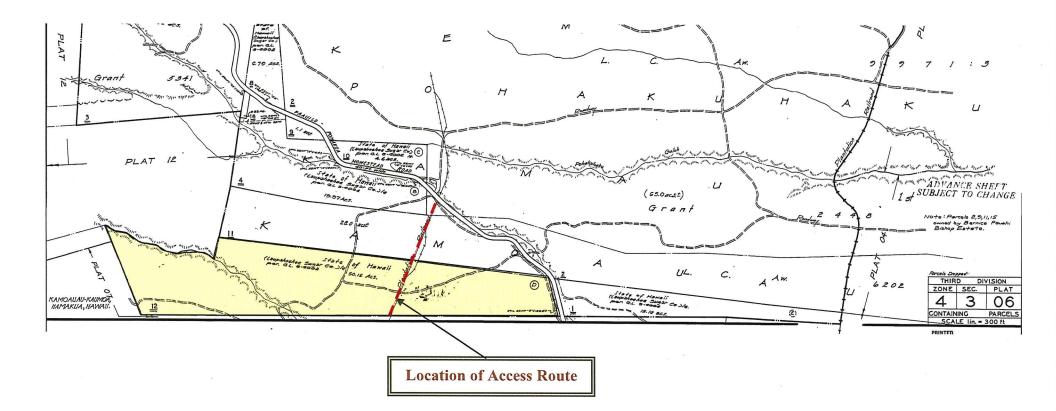
Gordon C. Heit

**District Land Agent** 

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

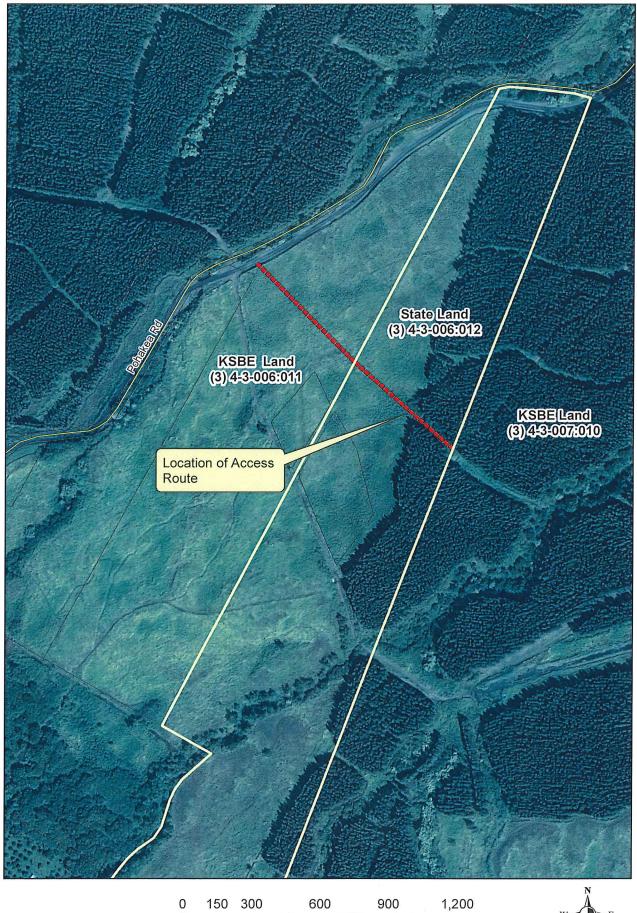
Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson

TMK: 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4-3-06:12



# Pa'auilo Mauka

# **EXHIBIT A**



Feet

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII





SUZANNE D. CASE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

> KEKOA KALUHIWA FIRST DEPUTY

JEFFREY T. PEARSON DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT ENGINEERING FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE HISTORIC PRESERVATION KAHOOLAWE BLAND RESERVE COMMISSION LAND STATE PARKS

#### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

POST OFFICE BOX 621 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

# **EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION**

From the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Request for Right-of-entry onto State Unencumbered Lands.

Project Number:

Project Location: Kamoauau, Hamakua, Hawaii, TMK: (3) 4-3-006:012.

PSF No. 15HD-148

Project Description: The Applicant, American Forest Management, Inc. is in the process of harvesting the eucalyptus trees planted on Kamehameha Schools, Bishop Estates (KSBE) lands including those adjacent to the subject State parcel. One of the primary routes through which these trees can be transported is Pohakea Road above Pa'auilo town. The subject access route through the State land is an old sugar era plantation railroad line which provided access from Pohakea Road east to the former Pa'auilo airstrip and KSBE timber lands

Consulted Parties: None

Exemption Class No.: In accordance with the "Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources", approved by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. <u>1</u>, Item No. <u>51</u> that states "<u>Permits, licenses,</u> registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing."

# EXHIBIT B

**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.

10 Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson

22

a

Date