

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 22, 2007

Chairperson and Members  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Revocable Permit No. FW-2007-01, and Issuance of Revocable Permit No. FW-2008-01 to Palani Ranch Company, Inc., Kailua-Kona, North Kona, Hawaii, TMK (3)-7-4-002:007 and (3)-7-4-001: por. 003.

**Background:** The subject parcels comprise portions of lands set-aside to the Division and Honuaua Forest Reserve through Governor's Executive Order No. 4,166 dated July 20, 2006. Among a variety of actions, the Board previously authorized the Division to employ livestock grazing for the purposes of wildfire prevention on these public lands at its May 26, 2006 meeting (Item D-2). At its February 9, 2007 meeting (Item C-2), the Board of Land and Natural Resources authorized the issuance of a revocable permit to Palani Ranch Company, Inc., covering the subject area for pasture purposes under specified terms and conditions.

Palani Ranch Company, Inc. (PRC) seeks continued grazing access to the subject lands pursuant to the terms outlined in the May 26, 2006 and February 9, 2007 Board actions. The Division supports this interest as projected forest reserve management actions for these areas are still largely in planning or preliminary (e.g. fence installation) phases. Continued control of fuel loads will provide beneficial protection for portions of the grazed area until active ecosystem management work is initiated. Because updates are needed for several portions of PRC's current permit, the Division proposes cancellation of Revocable Permit No. FW-2007-01 after it expires on February 28, 2008, and issuance of a new revocable permit reflecting updated terms as appropriate.

**Discussion:** The first proposed update item relates to fence construction that the Division agreed to conduct under permit No. FW-2007-01. One of two fences is completed as stipulated, but construction of the Honuaua Tract II / Puaa fence has not started yet due to delays in the environmental review and fence building procurement processes. The Division is proposing extending the deadline related to completion of this fence and in turn proposes tying initiation of

staff control of feral cattle to the anticipated completion of fence installation as detailed below.

The second proposed update involves further clarification of locations and time periods after which the Division may initiate feral cattle control. For Honuaula 2 and Sheep Station paddocks, the Division will refrain from control activities until 90 days after completion of a new fence on the Honuaula Tract II / Puaa boundary (Exhibit A) or on October 1, 2008, whichever date occurs first. For Kealakehe 1 and Honuaula 1 paddocks the Division will not initiate control activities until those lands are no longer under permitted grazing.

Other updates to the permit were limited to minor technical edits. All proposed permit updates are shown in Exhibit B.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve of the cancellation of Revocable Permit No. FW-2007-01 to Palani Ranch Company, Inc. covering the subject area for pasture purposes after its present expiration date of February 28, 2008.
2. Authorize the issuance of a new revocable permit to Palani Ranch Company, Inc., covering the subject area for pasture purposes under the terms and conditions cited in the attached draft permit (Exhibit B), which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
  - a. The standard terms and conditions of the most current revocable permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
  - b. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
  - c. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

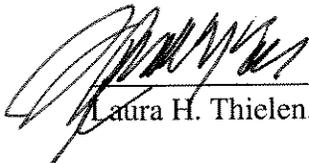
Respectfully submitted,



PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator

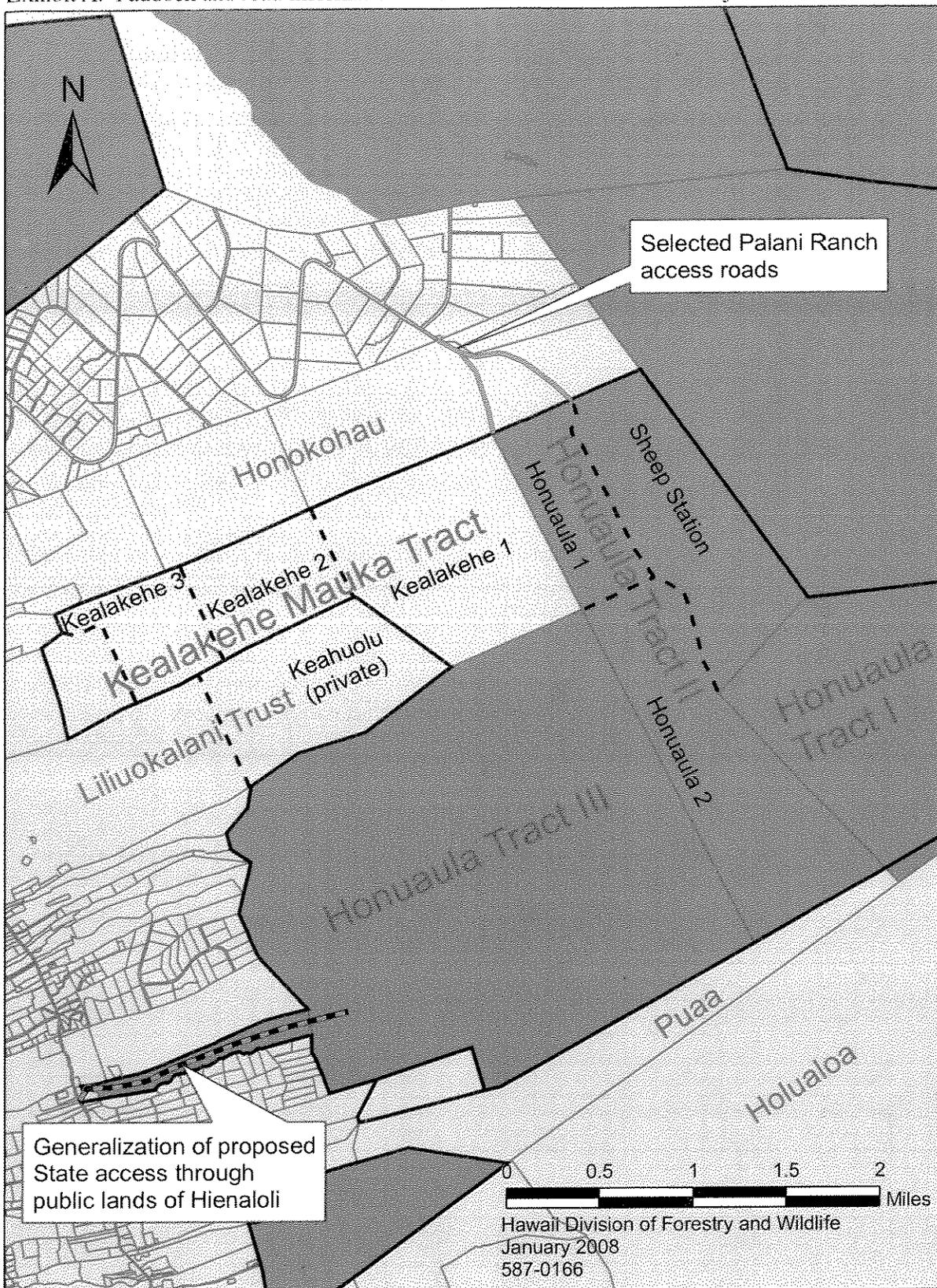
Attachments (Exhibits A & B)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

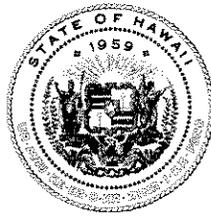
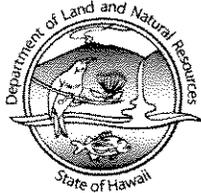


Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson

Exhibit A. Paddock and road information - Honuauia Forest Reserve and adjacent lands.



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**REVOCABLE PERMIT  
FOREST RESERVE SYSTEM**

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
1151 PUNCHBOWL STREET # 325, HONOLULU, HI 96813

Revocable Permit No. FW-20087-01

**EFFECTIVE:** March 1, 20087

**EXPIRATION:** February 28, 20098

**RESERVE:** Portion of Honuaula Forest Reserve, North Kona, Hawaii

**TO:** Mr. James S. Greenwell  
Palani Ranch Company, Inc.  
3465 Waialae Ave., Suite 260  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
Tel. (808) 732-2622  
Fax. (808) 732-2788

At its May 26, 2006 meeting (Item D-2), the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) amended terms of its previous action of March 14, 1997, detailing proposed additions of public lands to Honuaula Forest Reserve, North Kona, Hawaii. The BLNR also authorized the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) to employ livestock grazing for the purposes of wildfire prevention on public lands comprising TMK (3)-7-4-002:007 and (3)-7-4-001:por. 003. The proposed land set-asides were formally added to Honuaula Forest Reserve through Governor's Executive Order No. 4,166 on July 20, 2006.

Palani Ranch Company, Inc. (PRC) seeks continued grazing access to the subject lands pursuant to the terms outlined in the May 26, 2006 BLNR action. This Revocable Permit results from that interest and subsequent negotiations between PRC and DOFAW for utilization of the following paddocks for pasture proposes: Honuaula 1, Kealakehe 1, Kealakehe 2 and Kealakehe 3 paddocks (Exhibit A).

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Board of Land and Natural Resources at its February 23, 2007 and February 22, 2008 meetings and to section 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),

PRC is hereby granted a Revocable Permit to enter and occupy, on a month-to-month basis TMK (3)-7-4-002:007 and (3)-7-4-001: por. 003 consisting of approximately 1,500.00 acres in the area shown on the attached map labeled "Exhibit A" (the "Property").

**THIS REVOCABLE PERMIT IS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

1. DOFAW shall build a new fences on the boundary between Kealakehe 1 and Keahuolu paddocks, and the boundary between Honuaula Tract II and the lands of Puaa by April 30, 2008. The quality and specifications of the new fences shall substantially conform to the fence recently constructed by PRC along the north boundary of Kealakehe 1 Paddock that is along the PRC/State boundary.
2. PRC shall maintain perimeter fencing for all paddocks rented under this permit in stock-proof condition at it's own expense, regardless of whether or not PRC has an interest or ownership in adjoining lands, throughout the term of this Permit except for repairs required due to trees growing on DOFAW-managed lands that PRC is not grazing and that fall on or damage the boundary fence, said repairs being the responsibility of DOFAW. PRC is responsible for any trees that fall on fences from lands that they own or control by lease or are permitted to graze by this Revocable Permit. For purposes of this provision, Honuaula 2 and Sheep Station are considered "DOFAW-managed lands" notwithstanding the trapping efforts by Palani in or abutting those paddocks.
3. PRC may trap and remove escaped cattle in Honuaula 2 and Sheep Station paddocks by obtaining permits from the Division's Hilo Branch office through April 30, 2007. PRC shall not be charged rent on this land parcel for Honuaula 2 and Sheep Station paddocks as the intended use is only for the removal of escaped cattle. Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 183-19, HRS, and after providing due public notice as required, DOFAW may initiate cattle control efforts in:
  - a. Honuaula 2 and Sheep Station paddocks 90 days after completion of the fence stipulated in Special Condition No. 1 above, or on October 1, 2008, whichever date occurs first on May 1, 2007 or thereafter.
  - b. Honuaula 1 and Kealakehe 1 paddocks only if these paddocks have been removed from the area covered by this revocable permit and returned to direct DOFAW management, the later of (a) May 1, 2008 or (b) the completion by DOFAW of the new Kealakehe 1/Keahuolu fence line referred to in #1 above.
  - c. Kealakehe 2 and Kalalakehe 3 paddocks on May 1, 2016 or thereafter.

Cattle control in Honuaula Forest Reserve will be limited to aerial and ground hunts by DOFAW staff. DOFAW will refrain from such control efforts in specific paddocks in accordance with the minimum time frames detailed above or longer at DOFAW's option.

4. So long as PRC remains a Permittee of DOFAW with respect to Kealakehe 2 and Kealakehe 3 Paddocks and subject to the conditions below, PRC shall grant DOFAW access to (a) Honuaula Tract II (Sheep Station and Honuaula 1 paddocks) from Kaloko Drive via PRC's fee lands of Honokohau. PRC will grant such access subject to reasonable rules and conditions as it has in the past. Such access is specifically for the purpose of conducting official DOFAW business and activities and not for recreational use or hunting or any other purpose.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. PRC is authorized to occupy and use the land units comprising paddocks Honuaula 1, Kealakehe 1, Kealakehe 2 and Kealakehe 3 (Exhibit A) for pasture purposes only.
2. PRC shall pay, at the DOFAW office, P.O. Box 4849, Hilo, Hawaii 96720, annual rent in the sum of FOUR THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$4,020.00) payable semi-annually in advance.
3. ~~Upon execution of this Permit, PRC shall previously deposited~~ with DOFAW SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND NO/CENTS (\$670.00) as security for the faithful performance of all of these terms and conditions. The deposit will be returned to PRC upon termination or revocation of this Permit, if and only if all of the terms and conditions of this Permit have been observed and performed to the satisfaction of an authorized representative of DOFAW. Otherwise, the deposit may, at the option of an authorized representative of the DOFAW be applied toward payment of any amounts owed hereunder, without waiving any of the Board's other rights hereunder.
4. PRC, at its own cost and expense, shall keep the government-owned improvements located on the Premises insured against loss by fire and other hazards, casualties, and contingencies, for the full insurable value of those improvements. The policies shall name the State of Hawaii as an additional insured and shall be filed with the Board. In the event of loss, damage, or destruction of those improvements, the Board shall retain from the proceeds of the policies those amounts it deems necessary to cover the loss, damage, or destruction of the government-owned improvements and the balance of those proceeds, if any, shall be delivered to PRC.
5. PRC shall give DOFAW twenty-five (25) calendar days notice in writing before vacating the premises if vacating prior to the end of the Revocable Permit.
6. PRC shall pay all real property taxes assessed against the Premises from the commencement date of this Permit.
7. PRC shall at its own cost and expense, observe, perform and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of all governmental authorities now or at any future time during the term of this Permit applicable to the Premises, and, indemnify the State of Hawaii against all actions, suits, damages and claims by whomsoever brought or made by reason of the nonobservance or nonperformance of any of said laws, ordinances, rules and regulations or of this covenant.

8. PRC shall repair and maintain all buildings or other improvements now or hereafter on the Premises.
9. PRC shall obtain the prior written consent of DOFAW before making any improvements or changes of use.
10. PRC shall keep the Premises and improvements in a clean, sanitary, and orderly condition.
11. PRC shall pay all charges, assessments, or payments for water, other utilities, and the collection of garbage as may be levied, charged, or be payable with respect to the Premises.
12. PRC shall not make, permit, or suffer, any waste, strip, spoil, nuisance or unlawful, improper, or offensive use of the Premises.
13. PRC shall at all times with respect to the Premises, use due care for public safety.
14. PRC shall procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Permit, commercial general liability insurance, in an amount acceptable to the Department (\$1,000,000 per incident/\$2,000,000 aggregate) with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii. The policy or policies of insurance shall name the State of Hawaii as an additional insured. The insurance shall cover the entire Premises, including all grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the Premises in the use or control of PRC.

Prior to entry and use of the premises or within fifteen (15) days after the commencement date of this Permit, whichever is sooner, furnish the State with a certificate(s) showing the policy(s) to be initially in force, keep the certificate(s) on deposit during the entire Permit term, and furnish a like certificate(s) upon each renewal of the policy(s). This insurance shall not be cancelled, limited in scope of coverage, or non-renewed until after sixty (60) days written notice has been given to the State.

The State shall retain the right at any time to review the coverage, form, and amount of the insurance required by this Permit. If, in the opinion of the State, the insurance provisions in this Permit do not provide adequate protection for the State, the State may require PRC to obtain insurance sufficient in coverage, form, and amount to provide adequate protection. The State's requirements shall be reasonable but shall be designed to assure protection for and against the kind and extent of the risks which exist at the time a change in insurance is required. The State shall notify PRC in writing of changes in the insurance requirements and PRC shall deposit copies of acceptable insurance policy(s) or certificate(s) thereof, with the State incorporating the changes within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice.

The procuring of the required policy(s) of insurance shall not be construed to limit PRC's liability under this Permit nor to release or relieve PRC of the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Permit. Notwithstanding the policy(s) of insurance, PRC shall be obligated for the full and total amount of any damage, injury, or loss caused by PRC's negligence or neglect connected with this Permit. It is agreed that any insurance maintained

by the State will apply in excess of, and not contribute with, insurance provided by PRC's policy.

The insurance certificate(s) shall be mailed to:

Forestry Program Manager  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
1151 Punchbowl St., Room 325  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

16. PRC shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense, including all attorneys' fees, and all claims, suits, and demands therefore, arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of PRC or PRC's employees, agents, or officers under this Permit. The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the revocation, expiration, or termination of this Permit. The purchase of liability insurance shall not relieve PRC of the obligations described herein.
17. PRC shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, and expenses which may be incurred by or paid by the State in enforcing the covenants and agreements of this Permit, in recovering possession of the Premises, or in the collection of delinquent rental, taxes, and any and all other charges.
18. This Permit is issued and effective on a month-to-month basis. The Permit shall automatically terminate one year from the commencement date, unless earlier revoked as provided below, provided further that the Board may allow the Permit to continue on a month-to-month basis for additional one year periods. Any such extension shall have the same terms and conditions as this Permit, except for the commencement date and any amendments to the terms, as reflected in the Board minutes of the meeting at which the Board acts. PRC agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Permit and any amendments to this Permit so long as PRC continues to hold a permit for the Premises or continues to occupy or use the Premises.
19. The Board may revoke this Permit for any reason whatsoever, upon written notice to PRC at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the revocation; provided, however, that in the event payment of rental is delinquent for a period of ten (10) calendar days or more, this Permit may be revoked upon written notice to PRC at least five (5) calendar days prior to the revocation.
20. If PRC fails to vacate the Premises upon revocation or termination of the Permit, PRC shall be liable for and shall pay the previously applicable monthly rent, computed and prorated on a daily basis, for each day PRC remains in possession.
21. If PRC fails to vacate the Premises upon revocation or termination of the Permit, the Board, by its agents, or representatives, may enter upon the Premises, without notice, and at PRC's cost and expense remove and dispose of all vehicles, equipment, materials, or any personal

property remaining on the Premises, and PRC agrees to pay for all costs and expenses of removal, disposition, or storage.

22. The Board may at any time increase or decrease the monthly rental by written notice at least thirty (30) business days prior to the date of change of rent. Upon such notice, PRC shall deposit with the Board any additional monies required to maintain an amount equal to two times the new monthly rental as security for the faithful performance of all of these terms and conditions.
23. Any major improvements, including but not limited to buildings and fences, erected on or moved onto the Premises by PRC shall remain the property of PRC and PRC shall have the right, prior to the termination or revocation of this Permit, or within an additional period the Board in its discretion may allow, to remove the improvements from the Premises; provided, however, that in the event PRC shall fail to remove the improvements prior to the termination or revocation of this Permit or within an additional period the Board in its discretion may allow, the Board may, in its sole discretion, elect to retain the improvements or may remove the same and charge the cost of removal and storage, if any, to the Permittee.
24. The Board reserves the right for its agents or representatives to enter or cross any portion of the Premises at any time.
25. This Permit or any rights hereunder shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise transferred or disposed of.
26. PRC has inspected the Premises and knows the conditions thereof and fully assumes all risks incident to its use.
27. The acceptance of rent by the Board shall not be deemed a waiver of any breach by PRC of any term, covenant, or condition of this Permit nor of the Board's right to declare and enforce a forfeiture for any breach, and the failure of the Board to insist upon strict performance of any term, covenant, or condition, or to exercise any option herein conferred, in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or option of this Permit.
28. The use and enjoyment of the Premises shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates upon any basis or in any manner that is prohibited by any applicable federal, state, or county law.
29. Any and all disputes or questions arising under this Permit shall be referred to the Chairperson of the Board and his determination of these disputes or questions shall be final and binding on the parties.
30. PRC shall not cause or permit the escape, disposal, or release of any hazardous materials except as permitted by law. PRC shall not allow the storage or use of such materials in any manner not sanctioned by law or by the highest standards prevailing in the industry for the storage and use of such materials, nor allow to be brought onto the premises any such materials except to use in the ordinary course of PRC's business, and then only after