

State of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE KAMANANUI VALLEY ROAD AND THE KULANA AHANE TRAIL AS NA ALA HELE "PROGRAM TRAILS" WITHIN THE OAHU NA ALA HELE TRAIL AND ACCESS PROGRAM INVENTORY, HONOLULU, OAHU.

SUMMARY:

This submittal requests that the Board designate both the Kamananui Valley Road and the Kulanaahane trail as new Na Ala Hele "Program Trails" within the Oahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program inventory. Both the road and trail are located within the Kamananui Valley now under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Tax Map Key: 1-1-1-12: 35 and 13: 1, Honolulu, Oahu.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules - Chapter 130:

HAR § 3-130-12 General purpose and scope. The Na Ala Hele program shall be responsible for maintaining an inventory of trails and accesses in the State of Hawaii. Program trails shall be selected from among the inventoried trails. Program trails are subject to the trail use rules set forth in subchapters 4, 5, and 6. The Na Ala Hele program shall maintain a list of program trails, as it may be amended from time to time, and maps delineating and defining the trail location and route.

HAR § 13-130-13 Program trail and access designation. The board shall periodically designate the inclusion of a trail or access selected from among the inventoried trails and accesses upon consultation with the division, the Na Ala Hele staff, and the respective island advisory council from which a particular trail or access is located.

The Na Ala Hele staff first inspected the Kamananui Valley with two trail advisory council members who represent both the Hawaii Trail and Mountain Club and the Sierra

Club. Both members claim to have hiked all the trails within the Kamananui valley and agreed that only the Kamananui Valley Road and the Kulanaahane trail could be easily opened to the public with little to no maintenance or restoration. Upon Na Ala Hele staff inspection of the road and trail it was found that indeed, both the road and trail are suitable for open public use. Further research verified that both the road and trail have already been identified within the state wide trail and access inventory database.

On July 17, 2008, Na Ala Hele staff took a second opportunity to inspect the Kamananui Valley with Hawaiian cultural practitioner and family descendent of the Kamananui Valley, Roddy Akau. The objective of the second inspection was to identify sensitive cultural sites along the road and trail and agree on best management practices for the protection of such features. Mr. Akau agreed with allowing public recreational use on both the road and trail, saying that it was a great opportunity to introduce and educate the public about the cultural history of valley.

Required Consultation:

Na Ala Hele staff has consulted with all the other Oahu DOFAW and Na Ala Hele Administration staff regarding this designation. Division staff had no objections and offered no comments besides asking if Na Ala Hele needed help with maintenance.

On September 16, 2008 the Oahu Na Ala Hele advisory council voted unanimously for adding the Kamananui Valley Road and the Kulanaahane trail to the program trail inventory.

Trail Inventory Data:

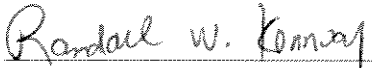
Traditional name: Kamananui Valley Road
Owner: State of Hawaii
Manager: DOFAW
Start Point: End of Ala Aolani Road
End Point: 2.5 miles in the valley
Length: 2.5 miles
Inventory #: OA 12 010

Traditional name: Kulanaahane
Owner: State of Hawaii
Manager: DOFAW
Start Point: Kamananui Valley Road
End Point: Koolau Summit
Length: 2 miles
Inventory #: OA 12 011

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board approve designating both the Kamananui Valley Road and the Kulanaahane trail as new Oahu Na Ala Hele Program Trails within the Oahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program inventory.

Respectfully submitted,


for PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

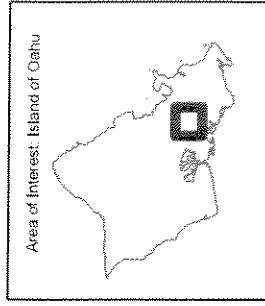

LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson

Attachment: Map of Honolulu Watershed Forest reserve (Moanalua Section): Proposed Na Ala Hele Trails

**Honolulu Watershed
Forest Reserve
(Moanalua Section):
Proposed
Na Ala Hele Trails**

Legend

-  Major Roads
-  Minor Roads
-  Proposed NAH Trails
-  Streams
-  HWFR (Moanalua Sec)



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