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**KULA STATE FOREST RESERVE  
CLOSED TO PUBLIC FOR ACCESS ROAD REPAIRS**

**KAHULUI** -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife Maui district office will close the Kula Forest Reserve to all public access during the weeks of Monday through Friday, September 21- 25, 2009 and Monday through Friday, September 28 – October 2, to complete repairs to the forest access road.

In October, there will be two additional days of road closure (dates to be announced later) and traffic delays when the road is open.

Closure signs will be posted at road entry points.

“We appreciate the public’s patience and understanding as we must close the reserve for public safety reasons. We will complete the final stage of repairs to the Kula Forest access road, including resurfacing a one mile section of road, and while we replace the existing culvert that allowed rain water to damage the dirt road, resulting in constant closures for repair,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

Last year, DLNR carried out the initial phase of repairs to rebuild the road bank and repave a mile of the access road. The road and culvert to divert water from the road were initially damaged during the 2006-2007 wildland fire by response vehicles and equipment.

During the severe rainstorm in December 2007, the road and areas in the forest reserve suffered additional damage, with the culvert presenting continuing repair concerns, resulting in several closures, the latest being January 2009.

The forest will be open to the public over the intervening weekend, from 6 p.m. on Friday, September 25, to Monday, September 28, at 6 a.m.

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30 second rip and read: The Kula Forest Reserve will be closed to the public for resurfacing of the access road, and culvert replacement work during the weeks of September 21 through the 25<sup>th</sup> and September 28 through October 2. The forest reserve will be open during the weekend from 6 p.m. Friday Sept. 26 to 6 a.m. Monday, September 28. For information call the Division of Forestry and Wildlife at 984-8100.

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