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DLNR UPDATE: RAIN AFFECTS KAUAI PARKS -- MAUI, BIG ISLAND STATE PARKS, FOREST AREAS REOPEN

HONOLULU – The Department of Land and Natural Resources has closed Polihale State Park today due to heavy rain that flooding the park's dirt access road and made it unsafe and impassable. The park and the road will remain closed until further notice to allow them to dry out.

DLNR today reopened more state parks and forest reserves on Maui and the Big Island after crews checked conditions after the passage of tropical depression Felicia. Here is today's update:

Island of Kaua**'**i –
Polihale State Park – was closed today due to flooding of the road caused by heavy rain. The park will remain closed until the road dries out.
Napali Coast State Park. Issuance of permits was suspended on Monday. State Parks expects to resume issuing camping permits for Kalalau by Monday August 17.

Island of Maui –
Now open: 'Iao Valley State Park

Opening today: Waihou Spring Forest Reserve will reopen at noon today, and **Kula Forest Reserve** will reopen today after 3 p.m., following assessment by state forestry crews. **Polipoli Springs State Park** also reopened at the same time.

Island of Hawai'i –
Now open: Muliwai Trail and **Waimanu Campground** as well as **'Ainapo Trail**

Closure days may be extended depending on the storm status and any damages suffered at the parks or forest areas. DLNR will announce the reopening of these areas once they are assessed and determined to be safe for public use.

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20 second rip and read: The Department of Land and Natural Resources has issued the following update on park and forest area closures due to weather caused by remnants of tropical depression Felicia:
Polihale State Park was closed today due to flooding of the access road. The park will remain closed until further notice while the road dries out.
No camping permits are being issued for the Napali Coast State park on Kaua‘i until Monday.

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