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MAKIKI WAI PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR NATIVE FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT

HONOLULU — Volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 26, to help the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources' Na Ala Hele Trails and Access O'ahu program to maintain a two-acre forest area, in Makiki Valley that has been replanted with native Hawaiian plants.

"We're looking for volunteers who enjoy being outdoors and making a difference to enhance our native forest project, "Makiki WAI" in Makiki," said Aaron Lowe, trails and access specialist for DLNR-Forestry.

"We can use the public's help, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with watering and planting native Hawaiian plants, weeding or clearing, painting bridges, and laying gravel," Lowe said.

The next work date this year is on October 24. There will be no work dates in November and December due to the holidays.

Na Ala Hele will provide water, gloves, and tools. Come with long pants and long sleeve shirt, good traction shoes or boots, insect repellent and motivation. Please bring your own bag lunch.

To get to the forest work site, go up Makiki St. and take a left at the fork on to Makiki Heights Drive. Before the first hairpin turn, go straight into the Makiki Forest Recreation area. Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m. at the Makiki Forestry Baseyard just above the Hawai'i Nature Center building.

For baseyard directions or more information call 973-9782, or check the online site: <http://www.hawaiitrails.org/trail.asp?TrailID=OA+19+004&island=Oahu>

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