Ahihi-Kinau NAR Chronology
June 20, 2005

Ahihi-Kinau Natural Area Reserve; Makena, Maui
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Chronology of events surrounding 1) Banning Commercial Kayak Activity. 2) Formation of a DLNR Advisory Council, 3) 400k HTA Grant, 4) Luciano Commercial Activity Contested Case, 5) Motion To Restrict Public Access To a Portion of the Reserve, 6) Karen Rodriques/Cave Lady Citations/Scheduled Jury-Trial and 7) Recent Visitor Re-Direction efforts.

Two important unresolved issues:

1). Motions To Restrict Public Access (Advisory Council and NARS Commission) Do we have authority or not? If not, how long to get?

2). Who has jurisdiction over the road through the Reserve? State says County Road, County says they never officially accepted and in State's best interest to take jurisdiction because what happens with road determines what happens with NAR.

Dec. 2002	DLNR Administrative Rules regarding Commercial Activity Adopted.
Jan. 2003	Gov. Lingle Elected.
Apr. 2003	DLNR Chair Peter Young and Deputy Dan Davidson conduct site visit to Keoneoio/Ahihi-Kinau NAR and meet with staff and others. Dan Davidson to take lead for Administration.
May 2003	DLNR meets with Commercial Kayak Company operators about self-regulation.
June 2003	Gov. Lingle sings Administrative Rule on Commercial Activity into law.
Aug. 2003	DLNR conducts natural resource Rapid Assessment in Reserve to determine any possible impacts that could possibly by attributable to commercial kayak operations in the NAR.
Sept. 2003	DLNR begins to form Advisory Council on Maui.
Nov. 2003	NARS Commission Meeting on Maui to hear what Maui people have to say and for site visit on commercial kayak activity.
Dec. 2003	DLNR Public Informational meeting on Maui attended by 150 people (90% anti commercial kayak).

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Jan. 2004	Advisory Council Meeting recommending banning commercial activity.
Apr. 2004	NARS Commission recommends to DLNR to ban commercial kayak operation within Ahihi-Kinau NAR and adjacent un-encumbered lands at Keoneoio.
June 2004	Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) makes site visit as part of 400k funding proposal.
June 2004	DLNR posts signs at Keoneoio and Ahihi-Kinau NAR requiring a permit for commercial activity.
Aug. 2004	HTA awards 400k to DLNR and Hawaii Wildlife Fund (contract Information and Education booth).
Aug. 2004	Raphael Luciano cited for operating a commercial kayak tour within Ahihi-Kinau NAR.
Sept. 2004	Ahihi-Kinau NAR Ranger Matt Ramsey hired for full time site management.
Nov. 2004	Ahihi-Kinau NAR Advisory Council urgently recommends to DLNR to close a portion of the Reserve to the general public at least temporarily until such time as a Management Plan can be written to properly control impacts to natural resources.
Nov. 2004	DLNR sends the authors of Maui Revealed a six and ½ page letter asking for the kokua in deleting reference to 2 hikes promoted that lead people into hazardous and sensitive natural resource areas and encourage them to go off trail and break rules.
Dec. 2004	2nd Rapid Assessment to determine impacts to natural resources.
Dec. 2004	Karen Rodrigues (aka Cave Lady) cited for natural resource violations (disturbing geology, erecting a tent or structure and depositing a foreign substance).
Dec. 2004	Dan Davidson leaves DLNR.
Jan. 2005	NARS Commission recommends that BLNR use any power it may have currently have within it's discretion to immediately close a portion of the Reserve to the general public.
Jan. 2005	Karen Rodrigues arraigned, pleads not guilty and asks for jury trial.
Feb. 2005	Ranger 2; Joe McDonald hired (full time on-site).

Feb. 2005	New Visitor Re-Direction Program - 150 boulders placed along road through lava flow to block off parking used by visitors to access areas of concern (expressed by Advisory Council and public). Intent is to re-direct visitors away from areas of concern to areas that provide a safer (shorter walk) and better quality experience (turtles and lots of fish) for visitors to the Reserve, of whom 90 % are looking to snorkel. Rangers make contact with visitors and encourage visitors to visit beginning portion of Reserve rather that more remote areas.
Mar. 2005	Maui Revealed 3rd Edition Published with no apparent desire to cooperate and assist as requested. "The State asked us to remind people that it's a Natural Area Reserve and to stay on the trail. But there are lots of exciting opportunities off it."
Apr. 2005	Karen Rodrigues Mtn. To Suppress Evidence seized from cave denied. Trial set for June.
Apr. 2005	Advisory Council meets and again requests DLNR to temporarily close a portion of the Reserve.
June 2005	Meeting with Hearing Officer, etc. on Maui for Luciano Contested Case. Hearing on Case set for Aug. 31, 2005
June 2005	NARS Commission again requests DLNR to act as previously requested and if unable to obtain authority to do so. Bob Masuda joins Administration as new Deputy Chairperson replacing Dan Davidson.