

Kaua'i Notices

MAY 23, 2006

Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master Plan (HRS 343 DEIS)

District: Waimea
TMK: (4) 1-4:1-4
Proposing Agency: DLNR-Division of State Parks
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Accepting Authority: Governor of Hawaii, c/o OEQC
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Public Comment
Deadline: July 7, 2006
Status: Draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) notice pending 45-day public comment. Address comments to the proposing agency with copies to the accepting authority, consultant and OEQC.

Permits Required: Conservation District Use Permit

The Division of State Parks, Department of Land and Natural Resources, is preparing a Master Plan for Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks. The Master Plan will guide the management and development of both Parks for a twenty-year period extending from 2005 to 2025. Preservation, enhancement, and management of existing resources and facilities, and the identification of potential interpretive programs and recreational opportunities are primary goals of the Master Plan. The State also seeks to preserve the unique historic character of Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks.

The Master Plan preferred alternative was selected based on an examination of several alternative development scenarios for the Parks. Improvements are generally limited to repairing and upgrading existing facilities, infrastructure and utilities. The objective is to meet regulatory standards and to enhance the park users' experience by improving orientation, service, and safety, and by eliminating incompatible or obtrusive elements within the Parks. The Master Plan also features the continuation of the leasing of the recreation residences located within the Parks. An auction has been scheduled for the lease of the recreation residences in accordance with the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

To address the special demands of the public, several sites within the Parks will undergo intensive redevelopment. These sites include Kanalaohuluhulu Meadow and the four major lookouts at Pu'u o Kila, Kalalau, Pu'u Hinahina, and Waimea Canyon.

