

## **DLNR postpones Koke'e/Waimea Canyon master plan meeting**

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A public meeting set to discuss a draft of a master plan for state lands at Koke'e and in Waimea Canyon is being postponed for about two weeks.

The new master plan aims at better management of state park lands in the two wilderness areas. A number of options are being discussed for the Koke'e area, some of which may affect cabins located on state lease lands.

State Rep. Bertha Kawakami, D-West Kaua'i, is working on the plan and will be at the meeting.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday at the Lihue Neighborhood Center. No new date for the meeting has been announced.

Some Westside residents are receiving details of various concepts for managing the two park areas.

"The objectives of the meeting are to receive comments on three alternatives for the management of two parks and solicit the public's support for a preferred scheme that will set the direction for the parks development for the next 25 years," a press release from the DLNR dated September 25 says.

"Some of the primary issues that will be part of the plan include resources conservation and enhancement, public recreation, the disposition of the recreational residences, existing water and sewage systems constraints, invasive species control, native species enhancement and revenue generation," said DLNR chairperson Peter Young in the news release.

"These issues form the basis for recommendations that will guide the long-range development of both parks. The recommendations will help us improve the daily operations and maintenance concerns associated with public recreational uses of the area," Young said.

From the public input gathered at the meeting, a preferred plan of action will be recommended to the State Land Board, according to the press release.

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