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RE: Plans for the Kamehamehenui Lands in Upcountry Kula

Aloha Ms. Chang,

We are the Kula Community Association, a group of several hundred members of the public with a mission to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and work together as a community throughout our Upcountry Maui region.

We bring this to your attention because we understand that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has a proposed phased plan for the withdrawal of leased land from agriculture on the Kamehamehenui Forest Property (Kamehamehenui), located in Kula. We also understand that a draft of this plan will soon be released to the public and will be followed by a public forum for discussion of the plan.

This plan may impact our community's goals of preserving open space and supporting agriculture. The Kula Community Association Board will be carefully monitoring its release and will be providing you with a detailed position statement and possible recommendations. We will also be participating in any public forum that DLNR hosts to discuss the plan and will be encouraging all our membership to attend.

Me ka mahalo nui,

Bobbie Patnode
President, Kula Community Association

c: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Senator
The Honorable Tim Richards, Senator
Chairperson Sharon Hurd, HDOA
Mr. Chad Buck, HFA
Mr. Lance DeSilva, DLNR (Maui)
The Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Maui County Councilmember
The Honorable Kyle Yamashita, State Representative, House District 12