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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Aloha Kakou Neighbors, Friends, and Partners:

I am pleased to announce that the National Park Service is in the process of preparing a Foundation Document for planning and management at Haleakalā National Park, Hawai'i. I invite you to join with us in this endeavor.

A Foundation Document involves revisiting a national park unit's core mission and significance, most important resources and values, and the interpretive themes that tell the park's important stories. Although the Foundation Document is not a decision-making document and does not include actions or management strategies, it describes a shared understanding of what is most important about the park. In this capacity, the Foundation Document will reestablish the underlying guidance for future NPS management and planning decisions for Haleakalā National Park.

Many of the park's planning documents need to be updated, and preparing the Foundation Document is the first step for considering the park's future planning and study needs. Because your input and opinions are important to us, I invite you to help the park lay a solid foundation for moving forward. Please review and provide comments on the draft document so that we may take your thoughts into consideration as we finalize the Foundation Document. You may submit your feedback in several ways:

1. Input your comments online at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/HALE_Foundation or email your comments to: HALE_Superintendent@nps.gov. Subject line for emails should be "HALE Foundation Document Comments."
2. Fill out and mail the enclosed comment form (no postage necessary).
3. Provide input on the Foundation Document directly to park staff at one of our upcoming community meetings, typically scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. (Locations vary between upcountry Maui, Kīpahulu, and Hana. Check local newspapers or contact the park for locations.)

All comments should be submitted by February 20, 2015.

Mahalo nui loa for your interest in Haleakalā National Park. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we plan for the park's future.

Sincerely,

Natalie B. Gates
Superintendent