



Rehabilitate and Expand Kīpahulu Ranger Station and Visitor Center

Haleakalā National Park (the Park) would like to rehabilitate and expand the Kīpahulu Ranger Station, which also houses the Visitor Center. Built in 1989, this approximately 1,000 square foot single story, wood-framed building contains interpretive displays, a sales area, and staff offices. The building also has a large, exterior wooden deck.

The building needs:

- Structural improvements to meet safety requirements for seismic reinforcement and wind loads.
- Fire protection systems to meet current fire codes for public buildings, and a security system to comply with National Park Service standards for the fee program.
- To meet the Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act requirements (e.g. ramps).
- To improve the worn and deteriorating exterior wood deck and railing.
- To upgrade the existing photovoltaic system.

The Park would like to eliminate inadequate employee offices in the Kīpahulu Baseyard and relocate them to the Kīpahulu Ranger Station and Visitor Center. Thus, expansion of the existing building northward would include more staff office space, a bathroom with a shower, and a break room.

The Park is seeking public feedback on the proposed project and the three expanded ranger station and visitor center designs. After the comment period, the park will determine what type of National Environmental Policy Act document is appropriate for the proposed project (i.e., either a Categorical Exclusion or an Environmental Assessment). The proposed project is separate from the Kīpahulu District Master Plan process.



Kīpahulu Ranger Station and Visitor Center, Restrooms, and Parking Lot

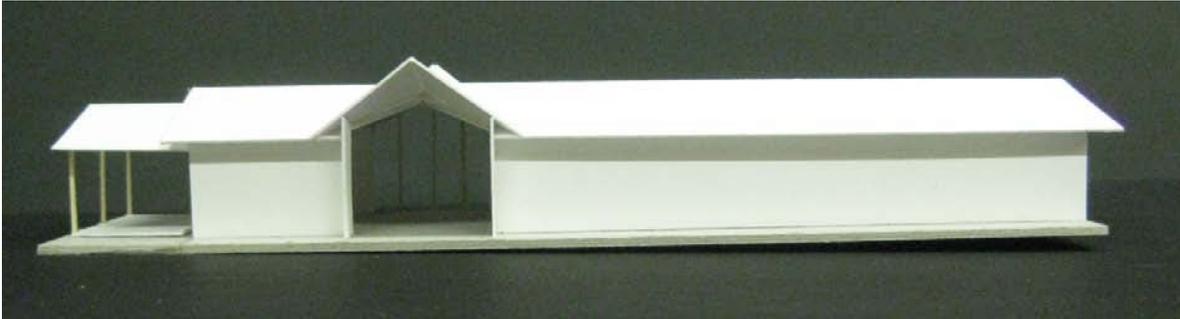


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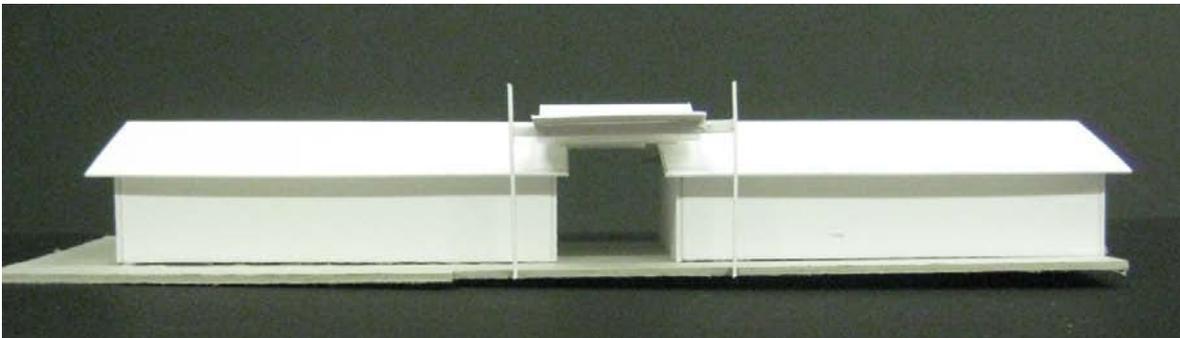
Expanded Ranger Station and Visitor Center Designs

Three proposed designs were created by Roseling Nakamura Architects, Inc. based on the project's purpose and need and interviews with Park staff. Each design includes a "see through" quality to incorporate the ocean view. Cardboard models (which don't show windows) of each option are shown below.

Option A: Addition of approximately 900 square feet with ocean view through main entry.



Option B: Addition of approximately 900 square feet with exterior breezeway between the new and old buildings, framing the ocean view.



Option C: Addition of approximately 1,100 square feet with two sections projecting from the building and an ocean view through the main entry (Park Preferred Alternative).



How To Get Involved

You can provide your input on the proposed project and the three expansion designs by mailing comments to the Park at:

Haleakalā National Park
ATTN: Kīpahulu RS/VC Project
P.O. Box 369
Makawao, HI 96768

You can also comment online by logging on to the National Park Service planning webpage <http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/hale>.

You may submit comments until Monday, May 31, 2010.

Project Contact

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