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## Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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### Road Work Necessitates Temporary Closure of Hilina Pali Road

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando announced the start of the Hilina Pali Road resurfacing project. The project will necessitate the closure of Hilina Pali Road to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic from noon on Sunday, August 15, through 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2004.

In addition, Kulanaokuaiki Campground and the Mauna Iki, Hilina Pali, and Pepeiau trailheads located on Hilina Pali Road will also be closed.

The closure will allow the park's 5-man road crew—operating a paver, rubber tire roller, sweeper, oil distributor, watertanker, and three dump trucks—to apply a 1 ½ inch layer of asphalt to about 3.6 miles of the existing 10-foot wide road surface.

According to the park's Engineer Equipment Operator Supervisor, Joe Gambsky, "During the next two weeks, park visitors should anticipate heavier than usual truck traffic on park roads." Throughout the day, five dump trucks will be hauling materials from Hilo to Puhimau Crater parking lot and three dump trucks will be hauling materials from Puhimau to Hilina Pali Road.

Overnight frontcountry campers can still pitch their tents at the park's Namakani Paio Campground, off of Highway-11.

Registered backcountry hikers can still access the park's coastal trails and campsites from Mau Loa o Mauna Ulu and Pu`u Loa trailheads on Chain of Craters Road and from the Ka`u Desert trailheads on Crater Rim Drive and Highway-11.

The roadwork is funded through the National Park Service's maintenance cyclic repair program intended to maintain the integrity of park roads.

For more information on the project, contact Joe Gambsky at (808) 985-6058

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