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Park Replaces Large-capacity Cesspools with Septic Systems



Greg Mescan of Niking Corporation stands beside the 5000-gallon septic tank that will be installed later this year at the Kilauea Visitor Center. Photo by Laila Tamimi

In February, the park will begin a year-long project to replace its large-capacity cesspools with environmentally-responsible septic systems. As part of the project, Namakanipaio Campground will close to all day and overnight use from February 4 through March 1, 2008.

The closure of the campsites, cabins, picnic pavilion, restrooms, and access road is due to concerns for visitor safety as well as the noise disruption expected during installation of a new 1000-gallon septic tank and associated sewer lines. Unforeseen delays may extend the closure.

Kilauea Visitor Center, Volcano Art Center Gallery, Jaggar Museum, and Thurston Lava Tube are among the locations where 21 new septic systems will be installed.

Locally-owned Niking Corporation was awarded the \$3.6 million contract. The project meets environmental standards for both the State of Hawai'i and Environmental Protection Agency.

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