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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Subject: Mālama 'Aimakapā: 'Aimakapā Fishpond Wetlands Restoration Management Plan and Environmental Assessment available for public review and comment

Dear Interested Party:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Park Service's (NPS) Environmental Assessment (EA) for Mālama 'Aimakapā: 'Aimakapā Fishpond Wetlands Restoration Management Plan is available for public review and comment. The EA evaluates two alternatives: Alternative 1, the "No-Action" alternative, would continue the existing management framework established under the 1994 Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park General Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement. Alternative 2, the Proposed Action, establishes an enhanced framework for wetlands restoration and management, increased planning and monitoring, selective use of vegetation and predator control methods, management of existing hydrologic conditions, enhanced community involvement, active restoration of native plants, and aquatic invasive species control.

This Management Plan/EA tiers from the 1994 Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park General Management Plan / Final Environmental Impact Statement. The purpose of the management plan is to guide the restoration and management of 'Aimakapā Fishpond and wetland, and to improve wetland ecosystem integrity, protect cultural resources, recover native plant and endangered waterbird populations, and interpret the fishpond's ecology and Hawaiian cultural history. A programmatic approach to managing 'Aimakapā enables the NPS to take action in an effective, efficient, and timely manner that achieves the Park's mission and NPS mandates. This plan is intended to have a 15-year life span, from 2015 to 2030 at which time it will be reviewed and adapted as needed.

The document can be reviewed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/kaho> by clicking the 'Open for Comment' tab. Comments can be submitted online at this website (the preferred method) or mailed to Superintendent, Attn: Mālama 'Aimakapā Plan/EA, Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park, 73-4786 Kanalani St., #14, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. Comments will be accepted through December 31, 2015. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Dr. Jeff Zimpfer, at 808-329-6881 ext. 1500.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent