



# Consultation and Coordination



Photos above: public meetings and community events; bottom: Kiholo, N. Kona; NPS photos

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## Scoping

On April 4, 2003, the *Federal Register* published the Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the comprehensive management plan for the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. The scoping period extended from that date through June 28, 2003.

The NPS mailed 1830 public scoping meeting announcements using an address list that included hiking enthusiasts affiliated with Ē Mau Nā Ala Hele, relevant legislators, the Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP contact list, and interested individuals, organizations and agencies that provided their contact information to the trail staff. The NPS advertised meetings in the *West Hawaii Today* and *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*, with notices appearing one to three days prior to the event and posted large signs on the meeting days in high-visibility areas on adjacent roadways and on buildings where the meetings were held to encourage walk-by and drive-by participation. Meeting announcements also appeared in the Ala Kahakai NHT and Ē Mau Nā Ala Hele newsletters.

The NPS conducted nine open house scoping meetings between March 22 and June 28, 2003. At the meetings, attendees were encouraged to submit formal input through a *Mana'o Form*, a questionnaire about how the trail should be managed. A total of 200 people representing the general public, private landowners, trail advocacy groups, native Hawaiian organizations, and state, county, and federal agencies attended these meetings. About 25 *Mana'o Forms* were returned to the trail office.

In addition, the planning team met with numerous individuals, community groups, private landowners, and government agency representatives to understand their concerns and visions for the Ala Kahakai NHT. Using the information for all these sources, the planning team prepared draft versions of the purpose and significance statements, management prescriptions, and management alternatives.

## Alternatives Development

Between July 2003 and March 2004, the planning team developed five alternatives for management based on information gained from the scoping process: alternative A, No Action; alternative B, Single Ala Kahakai Trail; alternative C: Ahupua'a Trail Systems; alternative D: Historic Trail Clusters; alternative E: Public Lands. The NPS provided a booklet to the public describing these alternatives and inviting comment. In addition, the NPS conducted nine public meetings between April 17 and June 19, 2004 to gather comments on the alternatives. The comment period for the draft alternatives closed on June 25, 2004.

The planning team prepared a draft alternatives document that eliminated alternative E because it was favored in public meetings only as a step to completing the entire trail.

In October 2004, after preparing a partial draft comprehensive management plan with the four alternatives and an outline environmental impact statement, the project planner took another job. In March 2005, a second planner was hired to complete the plan. This change in the project team caused a significant delay in completing the draft plan for public for review.

## Study Review

In December 2006, to ensure that issues were properly stated and addressed, an internal review draft of this document was sent to the four national parks on Hawai'i Island, other National Park Service reviewers, and non-agency reviewers in Hawai'i who have been involved in the study process and have knowledge of the Ala Kahakai NHT. These reviewers' comments were incorporated into the public review draft. In addition, NPS policy review was completed in June 2007 and revisions made to the document in preparation for the public review draft.

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    Environmental Center  
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Department of Parks & Recreation  
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Hawaii County Civil Defense  
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Office of the Mayor

### NATIVE HAWAIIAN GROUPS

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Kona Hawaiian Civic Club  
Prince David Kawanānakoā Hawaiian Civic Club  
Hilo Hawaiian Civic Club

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    UHH-West Hawaii Hawaiian Studies Program  
    Environmental Center  
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Hilo Public Library  
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E Mau Na Ala Hele – Hiking Club  
Kona Hiking Club  
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