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**Kalaupapa NHP DGMP/EIS Review**

3 messages

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**John Clark** [REDACTED]  
To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Sun, Apr 12, 2015 at 6:21 PM

April 12, 2015

Erika Stein Espaniola

Superintendent

Kalaupapa National Historical Park

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Dear Ms. Espaniola:

Re: Kalaupapa NHP DGMP/EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft general management plan and environmental impact statement for Kalaupapa National Historic Park. It's an excellent document, well-researched and well-written. After reading it, I agree that Alternative C should be the preferred choice to become the general management plan for Kalaupapa.

While I was reading the draft, I found some information I thought the authors might want to revisit, so I kept a list. It follows and includes some comments.

p. viii. Molokai. Par. 1: Molokai Channel. Perhaps change to Kaiwi (Place Names of Hawaii) or Ka Iwi (State Parks) Channel. Kaiwi, which is one of the eight seas (Na Kai Ewalu) between the eight major islands, is the preferred name today for the channel between Molokai and Oahu. On page 194 under Molokai Light Station, the text reads "Kaiwi Channel."

p. ix. Hawaiian Words Used in the Text.

1. *hoa'aina*: Native tenants; in the context of this document, used to refer to those people living on the Makanalua peninsula prior to the arrival of the first patient settlers on January 12, 1866... Perhaps change “Makanalua peninsula” to “Kalaupapa peninsula” here and wherever else it occurs to be consistent with Par. 2 on page 8, which says “ Kalaupapa is the general term used to broadly describe the whole peninsula.”

Also, I believe the first patient settlers arrived on January 6, 1866, not January 12, 1866. As a side note, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this arrival is on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. It sounds like a good opportunity for the NPS and the public to recognize the settlement with appropriate services, ceremonies, and activities at the park and elsewhere.

2. *lo'i kalo*: Wetland taro. The Hawaiian Dictionary defines “*lo'i*” as “an irrigated terrace, especially for taro,” so a *lo'i kalo* is an irrigated terrace for taro. The definition as it stands now sounds like *lo'i kalo* is a variety of taro, such as wetland taro versus dryland taro.

3. *pa'i 'ai*: Hard, undiluted poi. The Hawaiian Dictionary defines “*pa'i 'ai*” as “hard, pounded but undiluted taro.” So *pa'i 'ai* isn't poi, but rather creates poi when it's diluted with water.

p. 25. 1946 Tidal Wave.

Perhaps “tsunami” instead of “tidal wave?” Also, the text seems to suggest that the 25' and 55' measurements are wave heights, but they are actually the elevations above sea level to which the tsunami penetrated. Please note, too, that a tsunami is a series of waves, which was the case for the 1946 tsunami.

p. 83. Visitor Use and Experience. Par. 3.

In regard to “DOH would continue to prohibit recreational uses not compatible with the purpose of the park.” Hawaii is an ocean recreation state and the ocean around the peninsula offers many exceptional opportunities for water activities, so it might be a good idea to say upfront that no ocean recreation activities, including swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and all forms of surfing, will be permitted. The text refers the reader to Appendix G, but the Use of Natural Resources section there only says no fishing, scuba diving, surfboarding[surfing], boogey (sic) boards [bodyboarding], opihi picking, and diving off the pier. Perhaps a more general statement in the beginning of the document that no ocean recreation activities will be permitted would be a more informative approach.

p. 183. Proto Historic Period, line 6.

“A battle ensued between the moku (chiefs) of the two districts.” The Hawaiian Dictionary doesn't include “chief” as a definition of moku, but it does define it as a land division. Perhaps the sentence should read, “A battle ensued between the chiefs of two districts (moku).”

p. 184. Transitional Era. Par. 1

“This era encompasses three decades of social transition at Kalaupapa, from 1866, when the first Hansen's disease patients arrived, to 1895, when the Hawaiian monarchy forced the last native occupants to depart.” I believe the Hawaiian monarchy was overthrown in 1893 and that the Republic of Hawaii was the governing body in 1895. Same comment in the next paragraph for “the Hawaiian

Kingdom made its final land exchange offer in 1895.” And I believe the Board of Health made its offer in 1894.

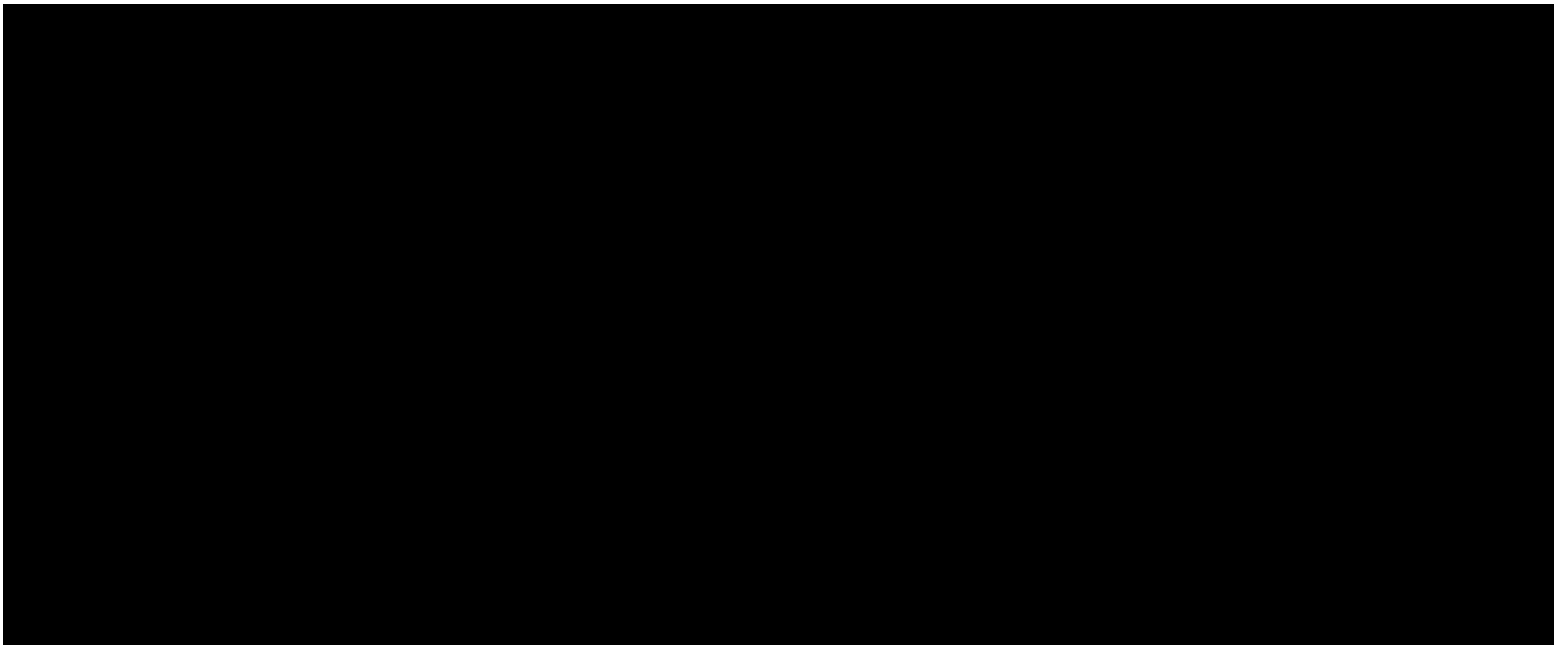
p. 206. Watersheds.

In the list of the three watersheds Wai’ale’ia is misspelled as Wai’ala’ia.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Me ke aloha,

John Clark





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**Fwd: Kalaupapa Management Plan**

1 message

**Tamura, Anna** <anna\_tamura@nps.gov>

Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 1:28 PM

To: NPS KALA GMP &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Paul Hosten &lt;Paul\_Hosten@nps.gov&gt;, Erika Stein &lt;Erika\_Stein@nps.gov&gt;

Thanks Paul. I'm forwarding this on to the official email address. Do keep alerting us to any comments that come in, so they get on our radar.

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From: **Hosten, Paul** <paul\_hosten@nps.gov>

Date: Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 10:09 AM

Subject: Fwd: Kalaupapa Management Plan

To: Anna Tamura &lt;anna\_tamura@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Erika Stein &lt;Erika\_Stein@nps.gov&gt;

A GMP comment for your files ... P

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From: **Lynne Simpson**

Date: Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 6:33 AM

Subject: RE: Kalaupapa Management Plan

To: "Hosten, Paul" &lt;paul\_hosten@nps.gov&gt;

Thanks for this message, Paul, and I hope your travels to California go well!

When I attend the informational meeting, I would like to include the points below.....and I would appreciate your thoughts/comments:

Aloha, Lynne

"My name is Lynne Simpson, I am a Sierra Club National Outings Leader volunteer and I have been going to Kalaupapa since 1980.....back in the day when Richard Marks rode on the back of the bus as he toured the peninsula with us and talked about his dreams for the community. I've had the honor to lead Sierra Club Outings to many of the world's beautiful places; for me, Kalaupapa is a stand alone jewel and I am very pleased to see the care and concern going into this general management plan.




Plan C does make sense to me; it's moving forward, but retaining the values and commitments to the land that are crucial to careful change. I note that this is a plan for the next 15-20 years; I am wondering if a more specific date will be included in the final plan. Also, I encourage you to continue to grow and develop the volunteer work groups who visit Kalaupapa. Although we walk away with a unique and meaningful island experience, we also believe we contribute significantly to the maintenance of the area. Our mainland groups have always been complimented by park service staff on our work ethic; we are proud of our accomplishments at Kalaupapa. Thank you."

Lynne Simpson

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Topic Question 1:  
I support alternative C



Topic Question 3:  
Maritime heritage survey of the nearshore waters would be nice to include in ongoing inventory and assesment of historical/archaeological resources.

Comments: As vessels really were the supply and lifeline of the islands prior to air travel, I am curious as to the lack of mention of the wreck of the SS Kaala in 1932, the effect on the community, and the potential for this archaeological resource to be includes as possibly eligible (someday listed?) on the NRHP. elements of the maritime transportation landscape, along with the lighthouse 50yrs and the landing/dock 50yrs ...

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Topic Question 1:

Yes, I agree with alternative C in that it allows volunteer use as well as visitation by the public and various groups. I am a member of the Sierra Club and volunteer opportunities are important to me.

Topic Question 2:

no

Topic Question 3:

I think it is already very complete.

Comments:

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Topic Question 1:  
I agree that alternative C is the best plan presented.

Topic Question 2:  
No.

Topic Question 3:  
I would have a problem with any plan that does offsite work as it takes funding away from the main location and duplicates personnel.

Comments: Funding will be the biggest issue over time. Both state and federal funds have a tendency to decrease and can risk the sustainability of the plan. I'd like to suggest considering a "Foundation" to be considered as a partner. A foundation can be a group of organizations that have interests in preserving the area and can raise a lot of money.

The other aspect of funding is government employees will be a "high cost" solution. Local and civilian workers should be a largest part of the workforce.

A large commitment of funds may not work in the long run, but a smaller consistent amount and a paced restoration may prove to be more viable.

A lot of thought has gone into the plan so far, I hope the Islanders who live there are in agreement. In a future newsletter it would be good to hear from them.

It would be good to know more about "homesteading", who may have those rights and how they could affect the plan.

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Topic Question 1:

I agree with alternative C. There will be coordinated care which will maintain Kalaupapa as it should be cared for

Topic Question 2:

C

Topic Question 3:

The planning team should make sure to incorporate the fact that 2 Catholic Saints, Saint Damien and Saint Marianne Cope, are two saints that came from Kalaupapa. There have been pilgrimages by many who come to Kalaupapa just for that reason alone.

Comments: With community buy in, conflict will be avoided. The intent should be to malama from the mountain to the ocean. To be stewards of the land for the following generations.

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National Park Service

April 12, 2015

Attention: Kalapapa NHS GMP/EIS

900 First Avenue, Suite 500

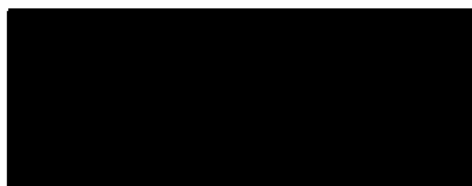
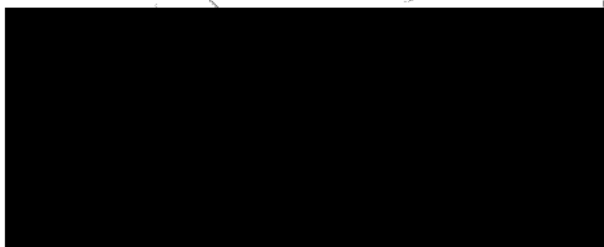
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Several years ago I went to Kalapapa with a group of friends from various Churches here on Maui. At that time there were about 50 patients. It was a very enlightening experience I shall never forget. It seems to me this Historical Park should be made available as soon as possible to the general public at a very reasonable rate, and at a reasonable cost of the plane flight. I know many would enjoy possible hiking tours.

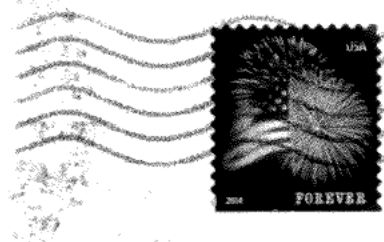
I read in Maui News about your possible plans. What a learning experience it would be for everyone. It sure was for me.

Sincerely,

Virginia B. McNew



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Please submit comments by **June 8, 2015** or 60 days from the date the EPA notice of filing and release of the draft GMP/EIS is published in the *Federal Register*, whichever is later.

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Alternative C

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Aloha! My name is Sharon A. Ocalvey, i am usually called Kalei. My Dad was Walter-Siu; my Mom Minerva Siu. She outlived first husband, John Rosa, and Kame Walter-Siu and preceded make loa 3rd husband, Nicky Ramos. i am her youngest daughter adopted by her oldest sister and brother-in-law Walter and Sophie Ocalvey.

Before my Mom passed she asked me to make sure there was a voice for Kalaupapa's last patient passes, I have tried. After reading the GMP i have no pilikia. Believe there maybe after DOT no longer exists. Thus, no more patients are here as well.

Wouldn't want a development. Many patients were disowned once diagnosed with mai pake. Some had family kokea. continued letters and care packages. Now, it seems ohana are coming out

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Space for additional comments: cause it's "fashionable" to have had family in Kalaupapa, i detest this, where were they? A cousin told me at my Dad's funeral she was the black sheep of her family cause she communicated with my Dad. Others at Dad's funeral i never ever met. Why are they here, Mom? "They want to see if they're in the will." Now, tons of Catholics want to pilgrimage to Kalaupapa - Kalaupapa. Two saints are from the peninsula, Fashionable?? Want Makana'ua to stay a National Park a place to commemorate the suffering and abandonment of a misunderstood disease. of course, the great sacrifices of Fr. Damien. His dedication to the sufferers and later Mother Marianne's continued work. She did have it easier than Damien. She didn't sleep in the cold under a pihala. Marianne had a convent and other nuns, Damien came alone. Therefore, remembrances of who they were; where they lived; the faith that consoled the places of food, homegrown there; the kōkua, roll, anything historical should be maintained and perhaps dikas to blood relatives, pents if you will, for the caring had their separation hurts and abandonment from the kids and Moms - S.O.

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I agree with the preferred alternative.  
However, I am curious as to whether my previous comments about incorporating feral, yet partially domesticated pigs into "Fishing, Hunting, and Gathering" and/or "Interpretation and Education" components of Park. As I understood it from Paul Harada, younger residents were capable of hunting feral pigs in the wild. However, as the remaining residents became older and more and more infirmed, some of them were able to retain a sense of self worth/capability by periodically killing pigs that frequented a semi cleared

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Space for additional comments:

area, a distance from the residences, where institutional "slop" was regularly disposed of. Retaining this "tradition" into the era of a non-resident community would help to display the adaptive nature of residents to surrounding resources, as does the various artifactual implements that the patients themselves devised to enhance their daily lives. Such semi-domesticated pigs would be an excellent living example of settlement life, both real and anecdotal for staff and visitors alike. My understanding is that the pigs killed were used to supplement food for community wide feasts.

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Topic Question 1:  
I do not agree.

Topic Question 2:  
My husband and I visited Kalaupapa in 2014 and it is a magical place. I would not want to see this special place turned into a tourist playground. Part of the beauty and magic of this place is how untouched it is. It's sacred ground. Why can't we leave it alone? I strongly feel Kalaupapa should be kept the way it is, even after the last Hansens patient dies. I think it should continue how it's running, entrance by permit only. This way, the amount of visitors are regulated. Please please don't ruin this place. It's beautiful the way it is!

Topic Question 3:  
Please re-consider implementing the plan. There are very few places in Hawaii that are untouched. There are high rises, hotels, condos being built everywhere. Please leave this area alone.

Comments:  
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**Kalaupapa**

1 message

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**Long, Samuel D** <[REDACTED]>  
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Mon, May 4, 2015 at 1:05 PM

I agree and reinterate the 2011 letter Patient Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa, president of the nonprofit Ka 'Ohana o KalaupapaKahilihiwa wrote that little emphasis had been given to Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian access to burial sites, among other issues under a management plan.

"There seems to be a great deal of emphasis on 'the visitor experience' with little or no mention of Native Hawaiians or family members," Kahilihiwa wrote. "Native Hawaiians should not be considered 'visitors' in their own land; family members should not be considered 'visitors' in the place where their ancestors once lived and died. ... This is not a 'national park' where the emphasis is on recreation, scenic views, hiking trails and enjoyment, but a 'national historic park' where the emphasis is on preserving an important chapter of history and passing down that history to future generations as accurately as possible."

This land is Hawaiian Land not parks Land and should be turned over to the Hawaiian Homes lands agency per the Hawaiian Homes act of 1920 or the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Samuel Dwyer Pokala Long

Email [REDACTED]



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## Comments on proposal

1 message

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**Bill Melohn** <[REDACTED]>  
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Mon, May 4, 2015 at 1:20 PM

I believe access to the National Historical Park should be increased, in keeping with the prime focus of remembering, respecting, and understanding the saga of the people sent there and the people who cared for them, even at risk of their own lives. I believe there may be a place for access to the natural beauty of the area, including camping overnight, as long as it can be done outside the historical center, which should be preserved. Non-car transportation, including bicycles, would seem appropriate for most visitors.

Both the tragedy and isolated beauty of such a remote area should be experienced by people visiting Hawaii, in the same way that the Arizona Memorial exposes horrors of that event and its historical context. Many of us have read the story of Saint Damien; it would be meaningful to walk in his footsteps and those of the patients he served.

No hotels or commercial operations should be considered for this area. Think Punchbowl, not a food court.

Mahalo!





KALA GMP, NPS &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

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**Kalaupapa**

1 message

**Kevin Ching DDS** <[REDACTED]>

Mon, May 4, 2015 at 2:49 PM

Reply-To: Kevin Ching DDS &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

To: "KALA\_GMP@nps.gov" &lt;KALA\_GMP@nps.gov&gt;

The use of Kalaupapa is crucial for the historical and cultural significance to Hawaii and the world at large, so it should be protected. I also believe that the park should allow camping and landing by kayak on the beach on the east side. This should be by permit only and limited to a small area for no more than 1 week. Access to Kalaupapa from there should be allowed with education that this is a very special place, and be respectful of the aina and all the people who lived and died there. Mahalo for letting me state my view.

Kevin K.L. Ching DDS

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KALA GMP, NPS &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

## Kalaupapa

1 message

Tue, May 5, 2015 at  
11:46 PM

To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Aloha,

I'm so glad the National Park Service is continuing to preserve Kalaupapa and Kalawao, particularly the history of the kingdom of Hawai'i, the exile of lepers to the leper colony, the work of Saint Damien and Saint Marianne, etc.

Opening it up to visitors with rules for being respectful and careful, like they have to be at the Arizona Memorial is the way this national park should be maintained.

As a teacher from 1969-2003 in public schools on the island of Hawai'i, I would have loved to take my students to experience all the different stories of Kalaupapa.

I have taken students to Hawaii Volcanoes, Pu'ukoholä, Kaloko-Honoköhau, and the City of Refuge National Parks, among other historical sites on our island, and to Haleakalä on Maui, Pearl Harbor's Arizona Memorial on O'ahu, and for many of them, these trips were once in-a-lifetime, very special visits.

I now work part-time for Kamehameha Schools in a partnership with the DOE and we now take teachers and administrators to the Hawai'i Volcanoes and Pu'ukoholä National Parks as part of their cultural and place-based orientation.

The cultures of your National Park must be preserved so our keiki will learn about their past through culture and place-based education.

I assume that there is a record of all the patients that were sent to Kalaupapa.

Their names all need to be in some kind of register or on a wall like those at the Arizona Memorial, but I doubt that the 8,000 or so patients' names would be put on a wall.

Their stories must all be captured and their legacies recorded.

I'm sure you have a lot of information which has to be displayed and a lot of research still to be done.

The descendants of patients need to have free access to the place and the stories, like the Hawaiians living in Kalapana have access to fishing, etc on that coast.

I like the idea of a long-range plan, allowing more than 100 visitors a day, showing an orientation video with behavioral expectations, and acquiring the adjacent land, if it would enhance the park experience.

The beauty of this place is not only in the endangered plants and animals, but more

so, in the stories of the all the people who lived and died there.

It has to be a cultural experience for all visitors.

I have worked with Joni Mae Makuakne-Jarrell (former student and head ranger?) to send out information on various park activities in Hawai'i and nationally.

We bought goats from the National Park from the 'Ainahou/Hilina Pali area over 40 years ago, when they were trying to get rid of them.

So, I have a long history with and love for culture-based national park offerings, and I want Kalaupapa to be special for all the world to visit.

Mahalo for allowing me to comment.

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## the story of Saint Damien and Kalaupapa

2 messages

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walter chang [REDACTED] >

Wed, May 6, 2015 at 4:32 AM

To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]

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This lady had metastatic cancer that had spread to both lungs, making surgery and radiation therapy poor therapies of choices.

When Chemotherapy, also not a remedy for cure, but one of palliation, was offered to her, she refused and chose only to pray to Fr. Damien.

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Initially, the local Bishop at that time was reluctant to open any inquiries. It took the persistence of a priest from Rome, Fr. Emilio y Vega, who heard of the story to ask for several tribunals to be convened. Incontrovertible evidence was presented at the tribunals that withstood the most rigorous scrutiny and overcame several obstacles which have seldom being mentioned.

The material presented was eventually presented to 5 expert Oncologists at the Univ. of Rome who studied the evidence and then recommended to the office of the Papacy the Father Damien be canonized.

Artifacts such as X-Rays showing the presence of the lung cancers before the prayers and X-Rays showing the cancers disappearing after the prayers are in the possession of Fr. Lane Akiona of St. Augustine's Church in Waikiki where a museum for Saint Damien is being contemplated. Perhaps these artifacts can be presented in a coordinated way to tell the complete story of Kalaupapa and St. Damien who has made the tale so compelling.

Aloha,

An interested Observer

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walter chang [REDACTED]

Wed, May 6, 2015 at 4:39 AM

To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]

Erratum:

The word "NEST" in the last sentence of the 3rd Paragraph is misspelled. It should be "NEXT" as in "the NEXT 5 months", etc.

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From: walter chang &lt;y[REDACTED]&gt;

Date: Wed, May 6, 2015 at 4:32 AM

Subject: the story of Saint Damien and Kalaupapa

To: [REDACTED]

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**From NPS.gov: Kalaupapa**

2 messages

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To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Wed, May 6, 2015 at 1:12 PM

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I'd like to be informed of what plans is set forth for Kalaupapa. I have ohana buried there like many other locals, this was not a pleasant history to remember, when families were broken apart and left to live an inhumane conditions. This is their resting place, Respect is what we want for our ancestors.

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**KALA GMP, NPS <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>**

Mon, May 11, 2015 at 10:14 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear May,

Thank you for your interest in the Kalaupapa NHP general management plan. We have recorded your comments and will be sure to add you to our mailing list so that you can keep up to date with the planning process.

Best wishes,  
Betsy Anderson  
National Park Service  
Pacific West Region

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KALA GMP, NPS &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

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**Draft GMP**

2 messages

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**Kathy Templeton** [REDACTED]  
To: kala\_gmp@nps.gov

Wed, May 6, 2015 at 2:34 PM

May 6, 2015

National Park Service  
Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Draft GMP

Dear National Park Service:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft GMP.

I am an interested tax payer and wish to express my thoughts about the need to preserve and protect the land, culture and history that comprise the Kalaupapa and Kalawao Settlements and the Kalaupapa Lighthouse Station.

Thank you to the NPS for engaging the community in this facet of the planning process. The NPS is to be appreciated for its work in developing the KNHP to be a place of respect for the residents and people exiled to Kalawao and Kalaupapa.

I am comfortable with most aspects of Alternative C. However, it would be more acceptable if Alternative C included specific language placing a cap on the number of visitors permitted on a daily basis to not more than could be appropriately accommodated to respect the sacredness of the land comprising the Settlements and Light House Station.

I would also respectfully encourage NPS to revise the GMP to also include specific reference to the need for NPS to enter into collaborative agreements, partnerships and dialogue/discussions with residents and the descendants of residents, kamaaina and persons exiled to the Settlements in all planning concerning the park and the purpose of this GMP and all future GMPs.

If NPS is to properly develop the purpose, significance and interpretive themes associated with KNHP, inclusion of the residents and descendants of residents, kamaaina and persons exiled to the Settlements is necessary in all future planning.

Thank you to NPS for acknowledging the importance of including the voices of the people in planning concerning the KNHP. I agree with this approach to planning because without specific inclusion of these people, the NPS could not appropriately identify and understand that voice, their voices.

Thank you for this opportunity to have my comments made a part of the public record concerning the draft GMP. I look forward to following the process as outlined by NPS.

Mahalo,  
Kathy Kapua'Anela Templeton

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**KALA GMP, NPS** <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>  
To: Kathy Templeton <[REDACTED]>

Mon, May 11, 2015 at 10:19 AM





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## Comment on draft management plan

2 messages

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**James Van Damme** <[REDACTED]>  
To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Sun, May 10, 2015 at 2:47 PM

I want to encourage you to open up Kalaupapa to more visitors. We have visited Fr. Damien's home church in Tremelo, Belgium, and live near Mother Marianne's hometown of Utica, NY; she briefly taught at our church grade school. It was quite a pleasure to visit Kalaupapa last year, plus spend a week on Moloka'i away from the tourists. This is not a trip for everyone. You get a different type of tourist, actually a pilgrim.

At least consider allowing more visitors on a temporary basis, to see how well it works.

Jim Van Damme of Rome NY

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**KALA GMP, NPS** <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>  
To: James Van Damme <[REDACTED]>

Mon, May 11, 2015 at 10:28 AM

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your interest in and comments on the draft general management plan for Kalaupapa NHP. We have recorded your comments and look forward to keeping you up to date with the planning process.

Best wishes,  
Betsy Anderson  
National Park Service  
Pacific West Region  
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Topic Question 1:

No I don't agree with the plan. I read that after the last patient has passed away you guys going open the park to outsiders both of age and not. I think that is not "PONO". My grams is buried down their and I am responsible for pertaining Kalaupapa. I am speaking against children admissible to Kalaupapa settlement. Honestly they don't understand the settlement and its true history.

Topic Question 2:

I would like to see families that have loved ones buried in Kalaupapa have equal access.

Topic Question 3:

More involvement with the Hawaiian Immersion Students regarding cultural awareness and cultural history.

Comments:

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**Topic Question 1:**

I have a few exceptions to my agreement with C ... the policy of too many visitors per day has had a detrimental effect wherever it's been allowed. More haole inevitably leads to less Hawaiian. One of the commenters at the public session today stressed the importance of keeping Kalaupapa Hawaiian. Opening it up to even 100 has tremendous negative potential (been to Hanakapiai recently? HORRIBLE difference from 30 years ago!

**Topic Question 2:**

I would prefer Plan B because it limits visitors to 100 a day (still too many, but that's what's happening now). There are many similarities between Plans B and C, but C is way too liberal. I think B is better than A because there is more protection and constructive work to be done on the area; D is just way out of control!

**Topic Question 3:**

PLEASE focus on Keeping Hawai'i Hawaiian!!

Comments: Many descendants of the original residents of Kalaupapa have testified that they appreciate the good works the NPS has done. I see no reason to limit that. But to allow an increase over an already over-generous number is excessive, and likely to cause undue stress (economic as well as physical) on the workers.

If, as one commenter said, "Pu'u Honua is inside all of us," then why open it up at all? Keeping it for the descendants is good. When I think of Kalaupapa, I think of the restrictions on visiting Ni'ihau. You have to be invited. I believe this should hold true for Kalaupapa as well. There is enough literature abounding about the history of Kalaupapa. This is a good thing. If you want to come to the exact area, as long as there is even ONE resident, you need to be invited. Otherwise, you're trespassing.

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Topic Question 1:  
NO, I do NOT

Topic Question 2:  
I prefer Alternative B because the cap on visitors should not EVER be increased, Kalaupapa is a sacred place. There are other places to learn of the history. As it is on Ni'ihau, I believe admission to Kalaupapa should be by invitation ... or at least by approval ... of the residents and their descendants.

Topic Question 3:  
It is extremely important to maintain the sanctity of the peninsula. Do NOT jeopardize the experience by making it freely available to any and all comers. It is a special place and admission there is and should be an honor earned, and not necessarily given to all.

Comments: I am a musician. Several years ago, a singer I was working with and I were invited to the settlement to provide entertainment for their Thanksgiving dinner dance. We arrived on a Wednesday morning; performed - and were very well received - the next evening, and departed the following afternoon.

In that time, we met residents and staff, were shown around, and, of course, spent time in the church.

What did it all mean to and for us? And what, aside from the rather large box of food, did we take away from the experience of Kalaupapa?

We were enfolded; warmth, acceptance, aloha, as it is spoken of - but rarely seen, in our times. We were also immersed ... both in the beauty of that place, and in our knowledge of its horrific history, and of the dedication,

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love, and grace that, in the absence of hope, enabled it to rise above the fear and loathing the word "leprosy" called up in the minds of those on the "outside."

I know that many, probably most, of the elderly residents who hosted and interacted with us are gone now. Their names and faces are lost to memory, but not the impressions that they left with us. It was a privilege and honour to stand on what is as much hallowed ground as any blood-soaked battlefield, brooding cemetery, or soaring cathedral. Kalaupapa is, in its entirety, a memorial, a monument, and a reminder of what it means to be human, and to have that humanity denied by all but those few with the courage, faith, and empathy to touch the "leper."

Now, the colony has nearly outlived its final residents. The fearsome disease was, of course, controlled decades ago, and any need for isolation ended at that time.

I hear that there are plans to expand access to this place of many stories. I'm pleased that a monument to all who lived out their lives there is being spoken of; they deserve no less. But, to ease the restrictions on visitors, and do away with the limits on their numbers? I must ask . . . why? Kalaupapa is not a theme park, and should never be degraded to the level of yet another mass entertainment. Disneyland is, thankfully, elsewhere.

Walking the grounds of the settlement should remain - as I felt it to be during my brief time there - an honour, a privilege, and a source of inspiration never to be cheapened.

Aloha,  
Lance Alexander  
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Topic Question 1:  
OK in 20 years once you can afford a desalinization plant.

Topic Question 2:  
no

Topic Question 3:  
Highest and best use of the Pali Trail is by the Molokai Mule Ride. I know Buzzy Sproat devoted many days to fixing washouts and taking gravel down in saddle bags. Mules are happier when not crowded by hikers who don't know what they are doing. Accessing the settlement by mule is the best way to "acclimate" before hitting the peninsula. Planes just dump passengers off without the orientation.

The peninsula is fragile as you know and cannot process loads of waste or traffic.

That said, I think Boogie's opinion about letting children visit now while patients are still alive to appreciate them is the most immediate step to take.

I will always treasure my T-shirt from "ELAINE'S PLACE - - the best place in town" which was her Kalaupapa icecream and social shop. Imagine what she and other patients could have accomplished if more visitors could have boosted her business to flourish.

Comments: Good luck to the Sheriff of Kalawao County.

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May 5 2015

Page 1 of 2

National Park Service  
Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

MAY 11 2015

Dear Persons in Charge:

These are my comments on the Draft Management Plan/EIS.

My history with Kalaupapa is listed below:

Family – My Uncle John Rosa was confined to Kalaupapa in 1927. He lived there, married there in 1930 and died there in 1937. With the help of Mike McCarten of the Health Department, I found his grave in the Catholic Cemetery in 2001.

My visits – Arrived by kayak in 1989 with a group sponsored by Mr. Marks; hiked the cliff trail in 1994; rode the mules twice; and spent a week there in 2001 on a Sierra Club service project.

My comments refer to pages in Newsletter #4/Spring 2015.

General – Page 3. It is curious that of the 8725 acres within the National Historical Park boundaries, only 23 are owned by the Federal Government. The rest are owned by the State of Hawaii, Departments of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaiian Home Lands. I don't trust those departments to exercise non-political stewardship of their lands. I am particularly concerned about pressures to allow homesteading within the Park. The Park Service should acquire the State lands for the wellbeing of the public. Land issues in Hawaii are so convoluted that it would be impossible to accomplish this by negotiation. The Park Service would have to go through Federal Courts to effect the purchase of State lands.

Alternatives, Pages 8-12 and 20-22. No on Alternatives A, B and D.

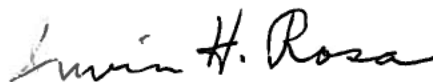


Pages 13-19, Alternative C. Page 13 – No homesteading. This is incompatible with the concept of a National Historical Park.

Page 19, Alternative C – No extension of the Park to Pelekunu and Halawa along the North Shore Cliffs. These areas have never been a part of Kalaupapa. There is no need for the Federal Government to extend control of lands well beyond the limits of the National Historical Park.

I will also present this letter as testimony at the Public Meeting to be held at Bishop Museum on May 7.

Very truly yours,



Irwin H. Rosa





KALA GMP, NPS &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

## Fwd: Section 7 consultation to address Hawaiian monk seals at Kalaupapa National Historical Park

1 message

Stein Espaniola, Erika <erika\_stein@nps.gov>  
To: NPS KALA GMP <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>

Mon, May 11, 2015 at 5:01 PM

*Erika Stein Espaniola*

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Cc: Erika Stein <[Erika\\_Stein@nps.gov](mailto:Erika_Stein@nps.gov)>, Eric Brown <[Eric\\_Brown@nps.gov](mailto:Eric_Brown@nps.gov)>

see below ... Paul

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From: **Bruns, Dawn** <[dawn\\_bruns@fws.gov](mailto:dawn_bruns@fws.gov)>  
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Cc: Patrick Opay <[patrick.opay@noaa.gov](mailto:patrick.opay@noaa.gov)>, Michelle Bogardus <[michelle\\_bogardus@fws.gov](mailto:michelle_bogardus@fws.gov)>

Aloha Paul,

I'm sending this quick note to follow up on the voice mail I just left on your desk phone. Michelle Bogardus (Maui Nui/Big Island Geographic Deputy Field Supervisor) and I received your Park's letter requesting section 7 consultation for Kalaupapa National Historical Park's General Management Plan. We (the USFWS) would be addressing the impacts to on-land green sea turtles and the listed plants and NOAA - National Marine Fisheries Service (Patrick Opay's staff - Patrick is .cc'd here) would address the monk seal and at-sea impacts to the turtles.

The General Management Plan, enclosed with your letter, outlines beneficial impacts of your shoreline monitoring of monk seals and other conservation actions you take. It also indicates adverse effects such as long-term park operations, impacts of existing vessel traffic, and short-term project-specific construction impacts may result in take due to habitat degradation and direct harassment. The area is also critical habitat for the seal.

Your letter indicates you will consult in the future on specific projects as necessary to assess the impacts of the projects to the listed species.

We're interested in helping you address as many of the Park's actions as we're able to now, particularly the ongoing activities, so you'll be covered for those pursuant to the ESA. Ideally we could address all of the ongoing actions you know about- visitors, vessels etc., in this consultation, and then in the future when you have a new construction project, we could address it separately. I've taken a quick look over your General Management Plan and it looks like our USFWS consultation would be a formal consultation for the green sea turtle and an informal consultation (NLAA) for the other species (assuming you're able to avoid impacts to the Hawaiian hoary bat (avoid cutting trees during the bat breeding season), Blackburn's sphinx moth (avoid disturbing moth habitat), Hawaiian petrel and Newell's shearwater (minimize lighting and shield lights). Please follow up with Patrick and his staff at NOAA for assistance with the Hawaiian monk seal and humpback whale and give me a call at your convenience to discuss how you'd like us to proceed with the consultation on the terrestrial components.

Dawn

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## UH Manoa Campus Heritage Plan PDF

1 message

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Michael Thomas <[REDACTED]>

Mon, May 11, 2015 at 7:50 PM

To: "McGuire, Kaohulani" <kaohulani\_mcguire@nps.gov>, KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Aloha Ka'ohulani and Erika,

Thank you for organizing the public event at Bishop Museum last week. I wanted to pass on a document that I thought would interest you. In 2008, I assisted in securing \$100,000 from the Getty Foundation to conduct a Campus Heritage Survey and report. The report is too large (35 MB) to send through email, so I will send it to you via File Drop. I envision a similar process and survey should be conducted at Kalaupapa.

As part of Kalaupapa's "blueprint" for the future I feel it would be important to identify, measure, and map (geolocate) the landscape trees in relation to the interpretation of cultural landscape and historical buildings. I'm interested in assisting in a botanical survey and mapping project in the future.

As I mentioned, last Thursday the entire UH Manoa campus has been inventoried and mapped, some 4000 trees. A similar project at Kalaupapa could be developed and assisted by UH botany students in the future.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Michael B. Thomas, PhD / Collection Manager - Curator / [Consortium of Pacific Herbaria](#) / [Joseph F. Rock Herbarium](#) / University of Hawaii / St. John Plant Science Laboratory / 3190 Maile Way, Room 401 / Honolulu, HI 96822, U.S.A. [REDACTED]

May 11, 2015

Erika Stein-Espaniola  
Superintendent  
Kalaupapa National Historical Park  
Via Email: Kala\_GMP@nps.gov; Erika\_Stein@npa.gov

RE: **Kalaupapa National Historical Park General Management Plan and EIS  
Public Comment**

Ms. Stein- Espaniola,

I am writing to provide comments on the General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. My great great Grandfather William Asa Clark was a patient at Kalaupapa in the 1920s and I am writing on behalf of myself and my family as patient descendants. Additionally, I lived and worked at Kalaupapa during the summer of 2012, and completed my masters thesis on the topic of interpretive challenges at historical sites associated with tragedy using Kalaupapa National Historical Park as a case study. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for the Master Plan which will guide the management of Kalaupapa National Historical Park through the next 15 – 20 years.

First, I would like to state that National Park Service is the best available land management agency to manage Kalaupapa peninsula into the future. With a mission to preserve cultural and natural resources while making those resources available to the public, the National Park Service can best address the issues that face Kalaupapa's past and future. I do not feel that the State Agencies that own land on the peninsula have the capacity or appropriate mission to fully manage the historic preservation, natural conservation, and visitor needs.

It is difficult to express in writing how deeply significant and important all the stories of Kalaupapa are to the people and history of Hawaii and beyond. Preservation of the extant cultural and natural resources is and should be the priority in the future management of the peninsula. In addition, education and interpretation of these places also needs to be a priority. We cannot forget or lose these stories. For these reasons, I feel that alternative C provides the best guidance on the way the National Park Service should manage the park into the future.

Alternative C introduces additional visitation into the settlement area, but does not allow for free exploration of the entire peninsula. This addresses the concern for the preservation of historic sites, by allowing the continued use of historic structures in the settlement, but protecting the natural and cultural resources which would be endangered by increased and uncontrolled visitation. Within my thesis research, one of the identified ways to meet the challenge of interpreting sensitive sites is to have an introductory movie or discussion on where the visitor is, why it is important, and what appropriate behavior is. Alternative C provides for this experience through the visitor center at Paschoal Hall. Alternative C also provides for service learning groups and school groups. Continuation of volunteer work at Kalaupapa benefits the volunteers and Kalaupapa. School groups would introduce students and educators to the history of Kalaupapa to ensure that this history lives on.

An additional method of meeting the interpretive challenges at historic sites such as Kalaupapa is to allow visitors a specific place to express their thoughts and feelings following their tour or visit such as a reflection room. Having attended a number of presentations and meetings about Kalaupapa, it is clear

that people want space and time to share their stories and feelings of Kalaupapa. Visiting Kalaupapa can be an emotional experience; it would be an appropriate part of the visitor experience to allow for a space where people can share their stories and reflections. This could be in the form of recordings or written responses that could be shared with future visitors.

Within visitor use, descendant groups and 'ohana need to be addressed as a separate user group. Descendants and their 'ohana will have different needs than the general visitors, volunteer groups, or school groups. These needs would include visitation to grave sites or the future memorial. This group may require a park service escort to visit different sites and buildings used by their ancestor. They may also require tools and time to clean the grave site of their ancestor. There should be a separate program specifically discussed in the management plan to address these needs. As a descendant, I feel that it would be inappropriate to join a general visitor group if I wanted to visit Kalaupapa to pay my respects to my great great grandfather.

I want to commend the National Park Service for the preservation and conservation work they do at Kalaupapa and the work that went into the creation of this General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

Mahalo,

A. Megan Borthwick

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KALA GMP, NPS <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>

## Kalaupapa National Historic Park, NPS General Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement

1 message

Manu [REDACTED]

Tue, May 12, 2015 at 12:12 AM

Reply-To: Manu [REDACTED]

To: "Kala\_gmp@nps.gov" <Kala\_gmp@nps.gov>, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard <congresswoman.gabbard@capitolnews.com>

Aloha,

My name is Manu Josiah, living in Hilo, and I am a descendant of four native Hawaiians who were sent to Kalaupapa because of leprosy/Hansen's Disease.

I am submitting this letter because I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. In particular, my concern is the absence of Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa in any significant process for the future management of this significant cultural and historical site. It is my opinion, and one that I believe is shared by the majority of descendants of patients who are buried at Kalaupapa, that priority consideration for the future of Kalaupapa should be to (1) maintain the sanctity of the settlement and its cultural & historical significance over any recommendations for future development including tourism; (2) Ensure that Native Hawaiian residents of the island of Moloka'i and descendants of patients buried at Kalaupapa have a significant voice for the future of Kalaupapa and (3) Include Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa as an integral part of any planning for the future of the settlement at Kalaupapa.

Since 2003, Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa has been the main entity that has connected so many people, including myself, with their ancestors who were sent to Kalaupapa. Many of us, including myself, did not know about our kupuna who were sent there. No one would speak of the nearly 8,000 people who were shipped off to Moloka'i. Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa became their "voice" reaching out to those of us who knew nothing about them. They connected us with our kupuna. Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa advocated and spearheaded the drive to establish a Memorial so that many of us could have a place to go since so many gravesites are lost. It is especially disheartening to learn that the NPS decisions concerning Kalaupapa's future are being made by people (person) who have no connection to Hawaii, Moloka'i or Kalaupapa. Over the years Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa has been steadfast in ensuring that people throughout the State of Hawaii remained in touch with Kalaupapa through educational displays, lectures and demonstrations. Since 2003, as a non-profit, they have been doing what the NPS is proposing to establish in the future in regards to education. Their commitment and dedication to the preservation of Kalaupapa is well documented and held in high regard by the Native Hawaiian community.

It is my firm belief and recommendation that the GMP/EIS that the NPS is proposing be taken back to the drawing table and rewritten to include Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa as a integral partner and approval authority for any plans for the future of the Kalaupapa Settlement. I also recommend that Native Hawaiians, locally as well as statewide, be included in the process of planning for the future. As a descendant I want to emphasize that


maintaining the sanctity of this settlement, preservation of cultural and historical importance should have priority over any consideration for tourism and/or development. There should be no compromise in this regard

Mahalo nui loa,

E.C. "Manu" Josiah







National Park Service  
Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Public Comment on Draft GMP

Dear Superintendent Espaniola:

I was born and raised on topside Molokai and have a personal connection to Kalaupapa through my Grandmother Ella Bridges incarceration at the Leprosy Settlement from 1889-1900. She was released with documents showing a line drawn through "Leper" and above that is written the word "suspect." For her remaining 68 years she lived in fear of being sent back to Kalaupapa and as a result her family, including me and 27 other grandchildren, kept the family secret. We never spoke of Grandma's incarceration publicly. Therefore, the proposed Memorial recognizing the 8000 individuals sent to Kalaupapa over the years makes an important statement to the world. Those victims of Hansen's Disease should not have been incarcerated, shunned, and stigmatized. We can now publicly declare their lives and time living at Kalaupapa.

I encourage NPS to preserve and protect the land of Kalawao and Kalaupapa. As the draft GMP states the park is inclusive of very sacred and historically and culturally significant land because of the people that live and have lived there. Out of respect for the kamaaina, residents and people sent to Kalawao and Kalaupapa, I encourage NPS to always consider and include the voice of these people and their descendants in all aspects of planning concerning KNHP or its expanded version if that is what the future holds.

Alternative C does not name a cap on visitors. I believe it would be more in keeping with respecting the sacred nature of the land and the unique history/culture of the land to include language that limits the number of visitors to avoid creating a situation where the sacred nature of the land and its people cannot be preserved because the sheer number of visitors turns the land into a recreational park losing a focus on the rationale for establishing this park in the 1st place.

The draft GMP includes reference to the importance of respecting the residents and the sacred nature of the land. However the draft GMP does not include a specific method for including the residents and the descendants of residents and people sent to Kalawao and Kalaupapa in future planning.

I suggest including language in the GMP that identifies the need for including these people and their descendants in partnerships, collaborative agreements and dialogue/

discussion concerning planning for the future. Without such inclusion it will not be possible for NPS to properly respect the land and its people.

I look forward to seeing my comments reflected in the final GMP.

Sincerely,

Haliimaile Goo

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Address  
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## national parks proposal for kalaupapa

1 message

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Iuana kuhns [REDACTED]

Tue, May 12, 2015 at 9:37 PM

To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

I would prefer option #1 however I don't think the majority of people will be able to live with NO CHANGES.

Option 2 is what I am most comfortable with, come up with a LONG RANGE PLAN.

Although the Parks Service prefers option 3, "alternative C" I feel a long-range plan is best to talk to all parties involved, that need to be involved, rather than just open the park to more visitors.

I love Kalaupapa as is and wish it did not have to change once all residents have passed away. I have been visiting the park for over 20+ years and do not look favorably upon more visitors to this little slice of paradise. I am curious as to what the Park Service needs in regard to funding to keep Kalaupapa the way it is. What is necessary by the State to keep this park going with the visitor count extremely low. More visitors will ruin the energy, serenity and isolation of the park which should remain that way.



KALA GMP, NPS &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

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## Kalaupapa GMP/EIS

1 message

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Lon Rycraft [REDACTED]  
To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Wed, May 13, 2015 at 2:27 PM

Aloha,

As founding members of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, we believe the NPS should seek to work collaboratively with the 'Ohana, and implement a cooperative agreement with the 'Ohana similar to the agreements established with the churches in Kalaupapa. We would encourage visitor limits be included in the GMP, and would hope Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa be included on the KNHP Advisory Commission  
Mahalo,

Rev. Dr. Lon A. Rycraft

Ellen C. Storm



KALA GMP, NPS &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

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## Kalaupapa

1 message

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**Gary Colton** [REDACTED]  
To: kala\_gmp@nps.gov

Fri, May 15, 2015 at 1:55 AM

I'm testifying as a person who has visited Kalaupapa on many occasions with groups from the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.

The limit of 100 visitors a day needs to be increased. I suggest 150 visitors through the year 2018. If this proves beneficial to the park then let the increase of visitors remain the same. If not, then return to 100 visitors a day. Also, In all my visits to the settlement I have never been able to stay overnight. I suggest two or three day visits for local residents.

Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Father Gary Colton  
(retired on Maui)  
[REDACTED]



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**Fwd: Kalaupapa draft plan consultations**

2 messages

**Stein Espaniola, Erika** <erika\_stein@nps.gov>

Thu, May 14, 2015 at 12:21 PM

To: Anna Tamura &lt;anna\_tamura@nps.gov&gt;, Carrie Mardorf &lt;carrie\_mardorf@nps.gov&gt;, NPS KALA GMP &lt;kala\_gmp@nps.gov&gt;

*Erika Stein Espaniola*

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**Centennial Goal: Connect with and  
create the next generation of park  
visitors, supporters, and advocates.**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lori Buchanan** [REDACTED]  
Date: Thu, May 14, 2015 at 9:17 AM  
Subject: Kalaupapa draft plan consultations  
To: Erika\_Stein <[Erika\\_Stein@nps.gov](mailto:Erika_Stein@nps.gov)>, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Aloha Erika,

Yesterday I had problems logging into your webinar....I felt sorry for Lon? the person trying to get on to the webinex from Illinois. If I think if that is the same Lon from Kalaupapa he was a reverend there back in the day and I really wanted to hear his manao but I sensed that he got discouraged bummer. I think that highlights the failure of the Park Service to successfully engage stakeholders in this planning process. I have participated in many a web and phone conference and found yesterday's attempt difficult and confusing. I hope I don't have the same issue today because the discussion is way to important to miss. Please relay this to Ann Tamura. Also, I would request a series of 106 consultations because it is obvious that more is needed. You also had only one day of engagement with the topside community and I believe more is needed. Please reply to all.

Mahalo,

**Lori Buchanan**  
[REDACTED]

**Tamura, Anna** <anna\_tamura@nps.gov>  
To: NPS KALA GMP <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>

Fri, May 15, 2015 at 9:50 AM

This can be taken as a comment.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Anna Tamura  
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National Park Service  
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Topic Question 1:

No, I do not. Kalaupapa is a rare natural gem that has been protected through the years because of the lack of people. If there is general admission, all of that will be gone.

Topic Question 2:

I prefer Alternative A with Alternative B as my second choice.

Topic Question 3:

Please protect Kalaupapa, please do not allow general access. There are few places left in our state where we can see what our island used to be like.

Comments: I was given the rare opportunity to stay in Kalaupapa as part of Pa Ku'i a Holo, and it was a life changing experience. The quiet, the nature, and the history were palpable and the fact that I was able to experience that with my Lua family was incredible. As a Native Hawaiian, I was able to see the land as my ancestors did. The history reminded me of how blessed I am, and of the Kanaka before me who helped their families in their most difficult times. If this place was opened to the public, I feel that it would quickly become just another tourist destination and become desecrated. Please keep this sacred place sacred.

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## KALAUPAPA 2015 LAND GRAB

By Hui Ho'opakele Aina

May 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

This Management Plan and EIS protects and preserves Kalaupapa's dubious Hansen's Disease history for the general public. They have done a good job.

Now that Hansens Disease is coming to a close on Kalaupapa, its time to recognize the larger importance of Kalaupapa and broaden its future plans.

The Plan misses the mark when it comes to the larger history of the Hawaiians and their culture, especially those who loss their lands and were displaced. It also misses the mark when it comes to the future of the DHHL Hawaiians who own the lands. Last but not least, the plan does little to recognize or mitigate the future impacts on the people who live on Molokai.

The plan calls for the acquisition of thousands of acres more of important agricultural lands, which hold the food security future of Molokai.

The plan calls for the Hawaiians and their culture to be treated as a museum piece that needs to be "protected and preserved" so as to be put on display for the American public. In contrast, the consultation process showed a clear voice for the need of a working group or task force consisting of DHHL beneficiaries and OHA beneficiaries along with the NPS. It was clear that these beneficiaries saw Kalaupapa as an integral part of their future with resources that needed to be not only protected, but more importantly, used and "enhanced".

A working group task force is critical to address the many unanswered concerns raised during the consultation process of the DHHL land owners and the community of Molokai, here are a few of the concerns that must be addressed:

1. Expansion of the park boundaries, (land grab).
2. Federal designations of north shore cliffs and rivers (land grab).
3. Federal boundaries of Pala'au State Park (land grab).
4. Restoration of Waikolu Valley (not answered in Plan). Special management areas and focus areas are needed to address indigenous peoples concerns.
5. Recognition and Benefits to displaced Hawaiian families (not answered in Plan).
6. Recognition and Benefits to DHHL Homesteaders (unsatisfactory results).
7. Recognition and Benefits to Molokai community (woefully lacking).
8. Recognition of Art. 12 Sec. 7 of Hawaii Constitution (not included).
9. Recognition of UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous people (not included).
10. Recognition of the State Aha Moku system on Molokai.

11. This EIS fails to sufficiently acknowledge the impact the establishment of the Park has had on the larger Hawaiian community and the Hawaiian homestead community who have been denied access to these Trust resources – and who need these Trust resources. This plan treats the Park's continued control of our lands as a foregone conclusion. While we recognize the need to honor the many patients who have lived in Kalawao, this area also has a larger history and needs to be returned to Moloka'i. That option is not an even an option under this plan therefore we find this plan inadequate and are asking the NPS to conduct a revised DEIS or a supplemental DEIS to include an option whereas DHHL lands are returned to the people of Moloka'i. (land grab).
12. What is the federal parks "appeal" process if this plan does not address the concerns of the indigenous people and the land owners beneficiaries?



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TO: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

FROM: JOHN TAM

RE: KALAUPAPA

DATE: May 6, 2015

Are fees being collected by the NPS to visit Kalaupapa? How much?

Are monies being spent by the NPS to upkeep Kalaupapa? How much? On what items?

Will a Memorial be built? By whom? At what cost?

How many visitors are anticipated per day, per week, annually?

How do the present residents feel about this?

How will the visitors get to Kalaupapa? Transportation? Food? Restrooms? Lodging?

What improvements will be done to accommodate these visitors?

Any place for Ho'o kupu (Gifts, leis, etc.)?

Any place for meditation, prayer, quiet thought, solitude?

What is the Mana'o? That is, what is to be viewed, felt, remembered, taken away?

For example:

The indifference of the then government of Hawaii

The sadness and suffering of the Afflicted

The humanity and compassion of the Kokua

The dedication and sacrifice of the Helpers from the Churches  
(Such as Father Damien de Veuster and Mother Marianne Cope)

## Kalaupapa National Historical Park

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### <sup>192</sup> Comment Form

The National Park Service invites you to share your comments and concerns regarding the *Kalaupapa National Historical Park Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement* (GMP/EIS). Comments may be submitted in several ways, including via this postage-paid comment form. Other ways to submit comments are:

Online: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/kala>

E-mail: [KALA\\_GMP@nps.gov](mailto:KALA_GMP@nps.gov)

Mail: National Park Service, Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS, 909 First Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

Please submit comments by **June 8, 2015** or 60 days from the date the EPA notice of filing and release of the draft GMP/EIS is published in the *Federal Register*, whichever is later.

The draft GMP/EIS contains four distinct alternatives for the future management of Kalaupapa NHP. Alternative C has been identified as the NPS preferred alternative. In the space provided below, please tell us if you agree with the preferred alternative, prefer another alternative, or prefer specific elements of any of the other alternatives. You may also provide comments on other sections and elements of the draft GMP/EIS. We hope that you take the time to read and comment on the draft GMP/EIS. Your input is important to us.

As a long time visitor/volunteer to Kalaupapa (since 1970) I am very pleased to see the care and concern going into the General Management Plan. Plan C makes sense to me; it respects current residents and land, but it moves forward as times change. I encourage the continued growth and development of volunteer service groups (such as the Sierra Club →

You may use the space at the back of this form or a separate sheet of paper to share other thoughts or ideas. ⇨

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Space for additional comments:

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We walk away  
from Kalaupapa having  
worked hard - and  
with a unique and  
meaningful island  
experience, becoming  
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National Historic Park  
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Leanne Simpson  
Sierra Club National  
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**DRAFT: (RE: Recent Water Supply Meeting), SOLUTION'S**

3/21/15

OBJECTIVES (To Recognized Our Maoli Kingdom, that our people wants to generate for a better future for all of us in the state of Hawaii)

1. The power to enhance and make decisions on promoting to protect, insure and increase in our Hawaiian lifestyle and our resources on our island by making a Maoli Kingdom policies. Free of charge(Exemption) all our people in Maoli Kingdom.
2. Take suppression off our people in the State Of Hawaii.
3. Mass production of food
4. Restore everything from mountain to ocean on our resources
5. Generate a Maoli Kingdom
6. Remove laws suppressing our people in the State Of Hawaii
7. Remove Department's & Cooperation's we don't need on our Hawaiian Island,  
Because it will generate in our Maoli Kingdom
8. Open discussion on policy to reach our goals to make a better future for our children

**PROPOSAL: (Free)**

Water

Land

Land tax

House-rent, electric

Car, safety, registration, insurance

Monthly income-\$5000.00

Medical/Dental

Remove all negative impact rules and regulation's on our Hawaiian's & and other nationalities who have joined our Maoli Kingdom from the State Of Hawaii that we feel it's suppressing us, to not get ahead in life.

We say yes or no towards any future decision's on our lifestyle or any development on our resources in the Hawaiian islands.

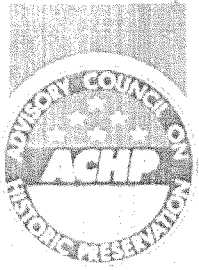
Dismantle Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Office Of Hawaiian Affairs, & Kana'iolowalu, this is part of a big reason's we are suppressed today, and to have everything in their possession released to our new Maoli kingdom.

Due to this, our people in this new Maoli Kingdom are no longer under all State of Hawaii Laws. All decision on laws come from the people in our Maoli Kingdom.

As we start new, our goals and dreams of each and every person in Maoli Kingdom shall be meet, as best as we can, so for this, we ask the State Of Hawaii the amount of funds we ask for every year, shall be released from the State Of Hawaii to Maoli Kingdom.

Open for discussion with our people to make decision's that will make our next generation live a Hawaiian Legacy forever.

Much Mahalo, "The People"



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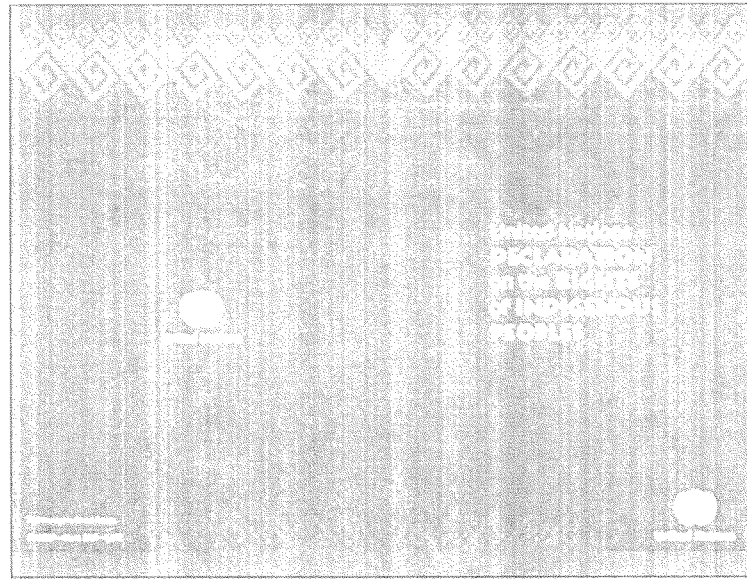
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## The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



The ACHP encourages federal agencies, State Historic Preservation Officers, the historic preservation community, and the general public to become familiar with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It is important because it expresses both the aspirations of indigenous peoples around the world and those of States in seeking to improve their relations with indigenous peoples.

In 2010, the United States reversed its position and announced that it supports the Declaration. U.S. support goes hand in hand with the U.S. commitment to address the consequences of a history in which, as President Obama recognized, "few have been more marginalized and ignored by Washington for as long as Native Americans-our First Americans." That commitment is reflected in the many policies and programs being implemented by federal agencies, including the ACHP.

On March 1, 2013, the ACHP took a bold step to adopt a plan to support the U.N. Declaration. One of the commitments in the plan is to inform the historic preservation community about the Declaration. Therefore, we invite you to explore the information included here and to check back for updates and new information.

- [Guidance for Section 106 and the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Press release announcing ACHP plan to support the Declaration](#)
- [ACHP Plan to Support the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Background information about the U.N. Declaration](#)



- Announcement of U.S. Support for the U.N. Declaration

The first World Conference on Indigenous Peoples was held on 22-23 September 2014. The meeting was an opportunity to share perspectives and best practices on the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, including pursuing the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. An outcome document, reaffirming U.N. Member States' commitment to the rights of indigenous peoples, was unanimously adopted at the conference. For more information:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/indigenous/#&panel1-1>

*Updated October 9, 2014*

Revised 10/15/14



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIPLOMACY IN ACTION

### U.S. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Review

In response to the many claims from Native Americans throughout this country and in order to further U.S. policy on indigenous issues, the United States has changed its position on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Declaration). The United States supports the Declaration, which—while not legally binding or a statement of current international law—has both moral and practical force. It expresses both the aspirations of indigenous peoples around the world and those of States in seeking to improve their relations with indigenous peoples. Most importantly, it expresses aspirations of the United States, aspirations that this country seeks to achieve within the structure of the U.S. Constitution, laws, and international obligations, while also seeking, where appropriate, to improve our laws and policies.

U.S. support for the Declaration goes hand in hand with the U.S. commitment to address the consequences of a history in which, as President Obama recognized, “few have been more marginalized and ignored by Washington for as long as Native Americans—our First Americans.”

That commitment is reflected in the many policies and programs that are being implemented by U.S. agencies in response to concerns raised by Native Americans, including poverty, unemployment, environmental degradation, health care gaps, violent crime, and discrimination.

- The United States supports the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous



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## Kalaupapa Comments

2 messages

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Mon, May 18, 2015 at 12:55 PM

Unfortunately I cannot make the May 26 meeting, however, from my visit to Kalaupapa I can see the NPS does an excellent job at taking care of every aspect of the settlement. Kaohulani Maguire was very passionate on the great care and respect for the patients. I believe this same care and respect will be the most important concern in the upcoming planning.

Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito

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**KALA GMP, NPS** <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>  
To: Lu Faborito <[REDACTED]>

Tue, May 19, 2015 at 8:35 AM

Dear Lu,

Thank you for your comments and your interest in the draft general management plan for Kalaupapa NHP. We will add your comments to the record and look forward to keeping you updated about the planning process.

Best wishes,  
Betsy

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**Topic Question 1:**

I do not wholeheartedly agree with preferred alternative C. I believe that the change in age and quantity restrictions should be done gradually. Plan C is still very vague. "Provide general public visitation. Visitor regulations would change, including allowing children (ages??) to visit Kalaupapa with adult supervision and removing the 100 person per day visitor cap (meaning no cap???)".

I have heard many refer to Kalaupapa as a place of healing, a pu'uhonua. Limitations are good if its purpose is to maintain the peace, serenity and health of a this sanctuary.

**Topic Question 2:**

No preference for any one alternative but rather a suggestion to consider all alternatives. It appears that alternatives go from most restrictive to least restrictive. I don't think NPS should lock themselves into one alternative plan. There should be built into the plan a review/reassess period, perhaps 5 years. Any less than 3 is not sufficient time to see how well a plan will work. It is my suggestion that NPS begin with alternative B, since A is the "no action" alternative, and move to C then maybe to D. Though B appears to very costly in the cultural resources area, operations and community use and visitor services, the total annual operating cost is less than Alternative C and D, I do hope that cost does not determine the selection of a plan.

**Topic Question 3:**

As rich and full as the document may be, it still lacks, in my modest opinion, transparency and clarity as to who the many partners will be to mālama Kalaupapa and what their kuleana (responsibility, right, concern) will be. The state, not just DLNR, DHHL, DOH, must be held accountable to kōkua. If tax dollars can be spent for rail, highways, other projects, so must Kalaupapa be cared for by all, not just some.

I see that there is heavy reliance on partnership contributions in Alternatives B, C and D so it would seem to me that the document be very clear on who the partners are/will be and what their kuleana are/will be and what dollars they are willing to "pledge" each year to sustain the life and legacy of Kalaupapa.

Comments: Leprosy was known as "ma'i ho'oka'awale" or the illness (ma'i) that caused division, separateness, discrimination, segregation (ho'oka'awale). Great care must be taken not to resurface any hurts of the past and/or to perpetuate wrong thinking or perception of separateness/exclusiveness. There should not be arguments as to who can or cannot visit Kalaupapa. There should be very clear processes and procedures as to how visitation/stays will occur at Kalaupapa.

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Teuila Elliott

May 13, 2015

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National Park Service  
Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

To Whom It May Concern:

Our grandmother, Emma Ululani Smithies Heilbron, entered Kalaupapa as a patient June 8, 1910 and died there on June 22, 1915.

Our mother, Kuanea Manu'a, was born at Kalaupapa December 18, 1912 and discharged to Mrs. Hannah Ako on December 18, 1913, adopted and renamed Ruby Naleialoha Ako.

Our uncle, Alexander Manu'a, was born at Kalaupapa September 21, 1914 and discharged November 26, 1914 adopted by Fred and Alice Hayselden and renamed Howard Kupakee Hayselden.

It has been frustrating for us to accumulate records for our mother and our ancestry. It has taken us years of research – not an easy task with living on the mainland with infrequent visits to Honolulu. With all the kupuna (honored elders) gone, we had no one to turn to. We started too late to begin our genealogy. Be that as it may, we are slowly piecing together our findings thanks to Valerie Monson at Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa who provided us information and copies of documents.

I am sure the compilation of the names listed in the Kalaupapa Register from 1866 to 1932 was a monumental task to create a database.

Reports indicate that Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa has developed successful educational programs, public presentations and traveling exhibits preserving the important history of Kalaupapa. I feel very strongly that this organization should be included as a long-term partner in your plan and members of 'Ohana included on your Advisory Commission. Qualified family members should be given first preference for any vacancies.

The Kalaupapa Memorial is a wonderful idea. The National Park Service should use some of their funding to assist with this endeavor.

Visitors should be limited on this sacred ground with preference to family members and Native Hawaiians. The remaining community at Kalaupapa should have input on the number of visitors allowed to be reviewed each year.

There were so many people taken from their families and sent to Kalaupapa because of government policies regarding leprosy. Kalaupapa should be memorialized as one of Hawai'i's darkest history and all lands should be protected as such in reverence. .banning any recreation area.

Each member of your Commission should read as many books about Kalaupapa and the history of the settlement to understand the strong feelings of the families whose ancestors were exiled and managed to survive under such horrific circumstances.

Cordially,



(Mrs.) Teuila Elliott



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## Fwd:

1 message

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To: KALA\_GMP@nps.gov, Jeanne Lee >

Wed, May 20, 2015 at 4:50 PM

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From: Jeanne Lee >

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Subject:

To: Jeanne Lee > Please excuse first line belongs inside but I have Alzheimer's. I believe all letters sent with love and caring should be a part of whatever becomes of Kalaupapa as they all speak for the people who made it their home. My husbands D and I visited over 100 times and loved all the people and workers there.

Ning to move hansens patients out of the area they lived We then met Bernard who chose to live outside

Sent from my iPad

In about 1971 my boyfriend and I took a mule trip down to Kaulaupapa. Clarence was running the mules at that time. What a sight to behold as the sure footed mules descended the sharp high cliffs and held steadfast on the very edges. There before our eyes was the peninsula of Kalaupapa. So serene so lovely and it got more beautiful on each turn. We had the mayor Peter Keola driving our van. He had such a sense of humor and introduced us to some of the residents..we enjoyed seeing thousand of dollars of glass collection. Laid across the lawn of a resident. No thieves maybe once in awhile someone would get rough at the bar but all in fun. It was a step back in time with a new world of wonderful people who live in harmony and love. One of the men made me a chain with a seed in a circle which looked like a dolphin. Remember most of these people are disfigured and many have parts of hands and fingers missing. All you see is the talent and there is nothing they cannot do Peter used to write us letters his handwriting looked more beautiful than the penmanship the nuns used to teach. He had only Two fingers on his writing hand. i saved every piece of his writing. One of our many trips down I asked if I could bring them anything as the weather was bad and the barges were months late. He asked around and they wanted Pepsi and spam. I got on my soapbox and got donations as much as the small plane would carry for me...

We were living in Pearl Ridge when the horrible city tried to evict some patients . When they would not leave they shut off the water. My husband and I got neighbors to fill coolers with water and we took them to them. This is when we met Bernard a Hansen person who chose to live outside Molokai. He was a gift to help others and teach those who did not know much about their disease. Many local people stayed away from Kaulaupapa because of the stories long even after it was no longer contagious.

There was a book written.

About the place

We loved. I knew the author and got almost every page signed.

Richard Marks took the tours for years. Some of the places we saw should never be demolished for the real story cannot be told with our all the pieces be they delapidated or not. Each little piece has a story some sad some happy an so so unbelievably terrible one wonders how any one arrived on the island alive. They were thrown in with cattle on the ship and dropped off to swim to shore. The few cars were old and rusty. The fire engine probably could not make it to a fire but the lives that made the place a piece of heaven smiled so it made us think being grateful in our lives was not anything compared. I could go on forever but the real blessing came when we asked to be married as it was the best place we had ever see. Most beautiful, most spiritual and people touched us deeply.. We were given permission and rode the mules down with our wedding party. Even passed the champagne on the mules. wWe had heard the barges did not make it to bring gas so we may not be able to make it out to father Damien's church. When we arrived we were given homemade leis only grown on Molokai. Like little baby tomatoes. Vern had 4 strands I had 3 and d the maid of honor and best man had two. These wonderful folks had gone out in the storm and picked all them. Later during the ceremony they had recorded the aHawaiian wedding song for us. We played it again at father Damian's church which married in silomona we got to go to both. Just to let you know how many outsiders marry there we could not get our marriage certificate as



the people o

In Honolulu said there was no county kalawao. Kaulaupapa was in Maui county.. It took awhile but we have it now.. No Maui county

Peter had cancer and had to have a leg removed and he was in Honolulu it was the only time he got to meet our children and for the first time he met our youngest KEOLA named after Peter Keola. Meaning life Peter is gone but his memory and his home will never leave us as we have a Keola.

All I can ask and plead is that the remaining people at Kaulaupapa be the protectors of the land they and all their friends protected, lived and loved for years. They should be free to make the choices and be proud to do so. It is not and never was a park it is a homestead where they worked hard to make it home. Do not destroy their legacy.

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The heart is like a garden. It can grow compassion or fear, resentment or love. What seeds will you plant there?

# Kalaupapa National Historical Park

Draft General Management Plan | Environmental Impact Statement  
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The draft GMP/EIS contains four distinct alternatives for the future management of Kalaupapa NHP. Alternative C has been identified as the NPS preferred alternative. In the space provided below, please tell us if you agree with the preferred alternative, prefer another alternative, or prefer specific elements of any of the other alternatives. You may also provide comments on other sections and elements of the draft GMP/EIS. We hope that you take the time to read and comment on the draft GMP/EIS. Your input is important to us.

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I don't see any budget line item in Options C or D that specifically is set aside for airlift rescues. In fact, the line item budget for "Safety" is identical (\$1.23MM) for Options B, C, and D; and the "Operations" budget is the same between Options C and D. That makes no sense to me. According to the California Shock Trauma Air Rescue firm that does helicopter rescues in California, a helicopter rescue of just one individual starts with a base fee of \$16,125.00 (The Tribune news, 1/3/13,

[http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/01/03/2345205\\_helicopter-rescue-price-rates.html?rh=1](http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/01/03/2345205_helicopter-rescue-price-rates.html?rh=1)).

Is there any reason to believe that the cost in Maui County is going to be any less? And who is going to pay for that? the NPS? the Federal government? the people of Molokai? Maui County? Even if you had only five helicopter rescues per year, that's over \$80,000 that will cut into your incremental budget increases of only \$250-270K going from Option B to C to D. That is huge and would, no doubt, cut the budgetary funds for housing maintenance and operations (since payroll, of course, won't change).

The basic premise of many of the National Parks like Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, or even Isle Royale, is to see and experience raw nature. In my opinion, experiencing raw nature is not a primary goal, nor should it ever be allowed to become a primary goal, in visiting Kalaupapa. Experiencing raw nature has an inherent element of physical risk, and let's face it, there are some individuals who simply are risk takers and go to some National Parks to experience that feeling of risk in raw nature. Opening up trails to and around the crater, especially to unescorted hikers, is inviting physical injury and the need for rescue. I don't believe Kalaupapa should be allowed to become a place for people interested in taking risks or challenging their own physical limitations.

Also, I believe there needs to be greater control of access to the peninsula from "top-side". I have no doubt that having a NPS ranger controlling who gets on the trail going down would have prevented:

- the blind couple who hiked down the trail that day (for whom Norman had to back-track to pick up),
- the Japanese film crew who got down the trail without having prior permits for commercial filming,
- and the couple carrying the huge suitcase, in which they had their drone.

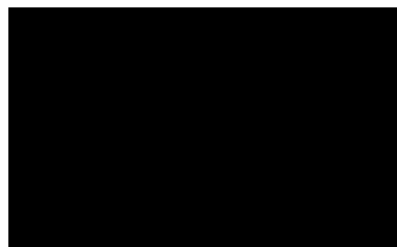
So, in conclusion, I am strongly opposed to Options C and D; and my "Preferred" option is Option B, with two minor tweaks:

- allow the minimum age restriction to be changed to 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and
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One final comment. I can appreciate (as Nick Brown pointed out) that having more people at a public meeting does not necessarily bring that many more new or different ideas to the table. But, that said, I also hope the NPS does two things in the near future:

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- 2) Provide greater media coverage, in advance, on when and where those meetings are going to take place.

I would be most appreciative of your consideration of my sincere concerns,  
Mahalo nui loa,



cc: Taka Harada (a friend of mine, and brother of Paul (deceased) and Winnie Harada of Kalaupapa)  
Kahu Kealahou Alika (pastor, Keawala'i Congregational Church, part of the United Church of Christ)

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I don't see any budget line item in Options C or D that specifically is set aside for airlift rescues. In fact, the line item budget for Safety is identical (\$1.23MM) for Options B, C, and D; and the Operations budget is the same between Options C and D. That makes no sense to me. According to the California Shock Trauma Air Rescue firm that does helicopter rescues in California, a helicopter rescue of just one individual starts with a base fee of \$16,125.00 (The Tribune news, 1/3/13, [http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/01/03/2345205\\_helicopter-rescue-price-rates.html?rh=1](http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/01/03/2345205_helicopter-rescue-price-rates.html?rh=1)).

Is there any reason to believe that the cost in Maui County is going to be any less? And who is going to pay for that? the NPS? the Federal government? the people of Molokai? Maui County? Even if you had only five helicopter rescues per year, that's over \$80,000 that will cut into your incremental budget increases of only \$250-270K going from Option B to C to D. That is huge and would, no doubt, cut the budgetary funds for housing maintenance and operations (since payroll, of course, won't change).

The basic premise of many of the National Parks like Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, or even Isle Royale, is to see and experience raw nature. In my opinion, experiencing raw nature is not a primary goal, nor should it ever be allowed to become a primary goal, in visiting Kalaupapa. Experiencing raw nature has an inherent element of physical risk, and let's face it, there are some individuals who simply are risk takers and go to some National Parks to experience that feeling of risk in raw nature. Opening up trails to and around the crater, especially to unescorted hikers, is inviting physical injury and the need for rescue. I don't believe Kalaupapa should be allowed to become a place for people interested in taking risks or challenging their own physical limitations.

Also, I believe there needs to be greater control of access to the peninsula from top-side. I have no doubt that having a NPS ranger controlling who gets on the trail going down would have prevented:

- the blind couple who hiked down the trail that day (for whom Norman had to back-track to pick up),
- the Japanese film crew who got down the trail without having prior permits for commercial filming,
- and the couple carrying the huge suitcase, in which they had their drone.

So, in conclusion, I am strongly opposed to Options C and D; and my Preferred option is Option B, with two minor tweaks:

- allow the minimum age restriction to be changed to 7th graders, and
- open the park to visitors on Sundays, so that visitors can worship in at least one of the churches there, ensuring that these will continue to be living churches, not just important historical relics.

One final comment. I can appreciate (as Nick Brown pointed out) that having more people at a public meeting does not necessarily bring that many more new or different ideas to the table. But, that said, I also hope the NPS

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does two things in the near future:

- 1) Prior to any final decision regarding selection of a Management Plan, please hold public meetings once again to provide an interim update on where the NPS and whoever makes the final call are leaning. This would bring everyone up to date on what changes may or may not have resulted from these most recent meetings, as well as a final opportunity for input.
- 2) Provide greater media coverage, in advance, on when and where those meetings are going to take place.

I would be most appreciative of your consideration of my sincere concerns,  
Mahalo nui loa,

Bruce J. Purvis, M.D.  
Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

cc: Taka Harada (a friend of mine, and brother of Paul (deceased) and Winnie Harada of Kalaupapa)  
Kahu Kealahou Alika (pastor, Keawala'i Congregational Church, part of the United Church of Christ)  
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National Park Service  
Attention: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

May 16, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Marilyn Cleghorn and my great-grandmother Margarete Lucie Georgine Buns Weber (Rosine) was one of the 8,000 Hansen's disease or leprosy patients taken from her home and family and sent to Kalaupapa to live for the rest of her life. She was sent there in 1911 and was 75 years old when she died in 1917. Since I was a child, her story haunted me.

My first visit to try to locate her grave was in 1996 when I and my two daughters flew into Kalaupapa via the Hawaii Historic Society with a tour guided by Richard Marks, a long time patient and frequent guide and storyteller. As I exited the bus and my foot touched the ground in a cemetery filled with broken and missing headstones, I burst into tears. Finally and hopefully I would connect with the story of my great-grandmother. Her stone was not to be found and I was told that it may have been washed away in the tidal wave of 1946.

I became connected with Valerie Monson (secretary and long time backbone of the Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa) through a cousin, Donald Reeser, who was then the Superintendent of Haleakala National Park on the Island of Maui. I can't even begin to tell you how grateful I am to Valerie who has worked for years supporting the Ohana (family) of Kalaupapa before they came together as Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. I began going to their annual meetings and in 2002 and 2012 I took a group of my younger family members to Kalaupapa to experience the history and stories in hopes that Rosine would never be forgotten. I am also happy to say that three of my grandchildren have been able to travel to Kalaupapa in their senior years at Seabury Hall to do service work, an experience they will never forget.

I am very grateful for all the work that the National Park Service is doing to prepare for the day when the Department of Health is no longer needed in Kalaupapa but I must admit that I am deeply saddened that the Ohana and all its many years of caring for their loved ones and the dedication of trying to connect families through video presentations on all the islands, visiting schools, recording stories and history that deeply connects everyone, whether you have family there or not. It is a shame that the Ohana is not even acknowledged or given a place in the future of Kalaupapa.

If it wasn't for the patients and the Ohana, Kalaupapa would just be another beautiful tourist attraction for campers and thrill seekers. It's the stories of the Hawaiians that lived in pre-Kalaupapa, the patients and their stories, Father Damien de Veuster and Mother Marianne Cope's stories, the tireless work of the Ohana to connect families with their loved ones and the spirits of our loved ones that will be there forever. The Ohana has been preparing for many years for the day when our loved ones would be a part of the history of Kalaupapa and hopes of being a true partner with you, the National Parks Service. Please don't shut them out but make them a part of your story.

*Marilyn J. Chyhan*



May 22, 2015

National Park Service  
Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Ste 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

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Dear Planners,

My name is Kathy Namahoe. In 2002 my husband Bill and I were going through genealogy records on his father's side. And I drew his attention to the fact that his great-grandmother's place of death was Kalaupapa.

I asked him, Was she a leper? That question began a long search for Kawai Wong-Hoe.

This search was extremely important to Bill because for as long as he could remember, the family was told that his Great-grandmother was sent to the "Pupule House" in Kaneohe, which exists today as a Mental Health facility.

Kawai's own daughter, who carries her name Kawai, "lost" her mother when she was six years old and she died not knowing the true story. This was also the case for Bill's father. At one time, he went to the Kaneohe Mental Health facility hoping to find answers. He didn't know that she was never there. She was sent to Kalaupapa afflicted with the disease of leprosy in July 1907. She died there in Oct 1920.

In October 2013, ninety three years from her death, Bill and I went to Kalaupapa. Val Monson, a dear friend, key supporter, and an advocate for Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, took valuable time out of her busy schedule to be with us and record Bill's personal journey in connecting with his long lost and forgotten great Grandmother.

The good and rare news was that Great-grandma Kawai's grave and tombstone had been located. She had remarried which made this finding more difficult.

When Bill went to her gravesite, he broke down in tears. It was an intense emotional moment. Now, there would be no more false speculations, conclusions or even shame. And there was a deep sense of relief knowing she did not die unloved or unwanted. She found hope and love in Kalaupapa.

Without the help of Puna Ramos (her husband was a patient at Kalaupapa) and especially Val Monson, Bill's search would have been in vain.

I must tell you more about Val. Bill's first contact with her was in 2008. By then he had received a picture of Great-grandma Kawai and learned when she was admitted to Kalaupapa. But he yearned to know more and had hoped to find her gravesite. Val worked with him for six years and they formed a strong friendship.

She valued his quest and took this on as if it were her own relative she was searching. Through her untiring, selfless efforts, Bill was able to kneel at the site where his Great-grandmother was laid to rest.

Val is not alone in this kind of passion and effort.

If the Kalaupapa National Park Service project is to be successful and enduring, it must include in all of its plans, the people of Ka 'Ohana.

I am very saddened and disappointed to learn that the National Park's final draft of the General Management Plan for Kalaupapa has for the most part dismissed the twelve years of dedicated and hard work which has been done by Ka 'Ohana.

It would be a shame, unwise, and poor use of tax dollars NOT to partner with them as you move on with the plans for Kalaupapa. Why would you develop your own programs which Ka 'Ohana has already implemented and been very successful?

As one who has witnessed a life changing event for my husband and his family, please don't leave the Kalaupapa Ohana out.

Please:

Make the history of the people of Kalaupapa and their ohana a priority.


Do not allow the Kalaupapa Memorial Plans to be forsaken but to be at the forefront of your future efforts. This is an opportunity for the NPS to keep the memory of this unique history alive. The true aloha spirit for the "least of these" was demonstrated and lived out and every generation needs to carry on that kind of love and aloha.

Develop a long term partnership with Ka 'Ohana and its faithful workers. Their special interest is for this sacred place and the ohana and for the good of future generations who live throughout the world. I trust that is your desire also.

Bill, my dear husband passed away January 5, 2015. I can assure you that the words in this letter would be his also.

Sincerely,

Kathy Namahoe



May 19, 2015

MAY 27 2015

National Park Service  
Attn: Kalaupapa NHP GMP/EIS  
909 First Avenue, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Sir:

Attached are my comments as President of Iolani Guild to the Executive Summary of the KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK DRAFT GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. I do hope you will seriously take note of my comments to the proposed regulations; and in the final analysis, allow for some discretion to the final regulations.

For your information, Iolani Guild is the oldest organization in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, serving in its 152<sup>nd</sup> year in Hawaii. It is a devotional and philanthropic Society of the Episcopal Church, committed to supporting an annual ministry. In September 2014, we invited Ms. Valerie Monson, a very dedicated and committed advisor to the KA OHANA O KALAUPAPA, to St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu, at which time she spoke about her close relationship with the residents of Kalaupapa, the visits of our Queen Liliuokalani to Kalaupapa, where our Queen was distressed to view for herself the "harsh" living conditions and the "forced" separation of these patients from their families. Today, those remaining patients find comfort and "piece of mind" as members of KA OHANA O KALAUPAPA, particularly with the personal contacts they receive from each other as well as with Ms. Monson.

There is another connection which you might be interested to know about regarding our Queen Liliuokalani. After the "overthrow" of the monarchy in September 1897, Her Majesty became the President of our Iolani Guild. She served as the permanent President of our Guild until she passed away in 1917.

Should you have any questions on my comments, please feel free to contact me by calling me at [REDACTED] or through my email address: [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

*Leimalama Lee Loy*  
(Ms.) Leimalama Lee Loy  
President, Iolani Guild

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SPRING 2015  
KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
DRAFT GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND  
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COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

GENERAL:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on this very important plan on KALAUPAPA and what the future "holds" for this National Historical Park. My only hope is that the end result to all the comments you receive, and the decisions you all will make, will be positive ones to assist the remaining residents living there, and honoring those who have passed away.

Although I did not have any family members at KALAUPAPA, I can still feel the sorrow and sadness of those families who did have loved ones there. I have visited this "sacred ground" on a couple of occasions; my daughter as a Veterinarian has been contacted on several occasions to eradicate the "wild" cats there; but compared to the families separated from each other because of Hansen's Disease, we can never "erase" the memories of those particular families. Only those who have been closely aligned to these individuals and families can know the "desolation" brought about by "isolation of their family members!" I do hope we will be fair and loving as the National Park Service implements the Regulations being proposed!

SPECIFIC:

1. My preferred alternative is ALTERNATIVE "C", which emphasizes "stewardship of Kalaupapa's lands in COLLABORATION WITH THE PARK'S MANY PARTNERS!"
2. I do hope, however, that the KA 'OHANA O KALAUPAPA, who have worked tirelessly over the many years, will be provided first preference to continuing their work, without the need for a "bid process" situation. Instead, as so stated in the proposed regulations, there can be a long-term partnership with the KA 'OHANA, in which they can continue to do what they have been doing – programs helping families, visiting schools, doing public outreach – all programs created by the OHANA and made successful.
3. Iolani Guild is so pleased with the current COLLABORATION efforts we have made with the OHANA. AND, their "past record" reflects the energies of this group "to make things happen." This includes: a) creation of a digital library with information on more than 7200 people; b) exhibits shown at many schools; c) teacher "workshops" conducted on Oahu and Maui; (d) assisting families, visiting KALAUPAPA for the "first time to walk in the footsteps of their ancestors."

**KALA GMP, NPS** <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>

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## Kalaupapa National Historical Park - General Management Plan and EIS

2 messages

**Public Works** <Public.Works@co.maui.hi.us>

Tue, May 26, 2015 at 2:55 PM

To: kala\_gmp@nps.gov

Aloha,

The County of Maui Department of Public Works has no comments regarding the proposed plan and EIS.

Mahalo,

Rowena M. Dagdag-Andaya

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County of Maui  
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**KALA GMP, NPS** <kala\_gmp@nps.gov>

Wed, May 27, 2015 at 4:29 PM

To: Public Works &lt;Public.Works@co.maui.hi.us&gt;

Dear Rowena,

Thank you for contacting us about the draft general management plan and EIS for Kalaupapa NHP. We have added your note to the record.

With best wishes,

Betsy

Betsy Anderson, Landscape Architect  
National Park Service  
Pacific West Region | Planning and Environmental Compliance  
909 First Avenue | Seattle, WA 98104  
Phone: 206.220.4069 | Fax: 206.220.4160

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**From NPS.gov: comment kalaupapa park plans**

1 message

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**To:** KALA\_GMP@nps.gov

Tue, May 26, 2015 at 11:41 AM

Email submitted from:

Mailing Address:  
brett gobar

aloha, i saw part of your plan presentation on tv. my comments are very general; in my experience of many local and national parks around the country and around the world, it seems education of visitors and locals and island residents is imperative, particularly environmental issues, like fisheries, wildlife, plantlife, soils erosion and how to care for these elements of the islands, parks, the aina, makai, stream waters, ground waters, sanitation, traffic impacts, impacts boats have... how to increase wild fish populations. i feel limited numbers of permits for access could be a tool to limit damage. i feel strongly that fishing permits and education need be required... create a system the empowers residents to manage local fisheries  
i hope to visit in the next year.  
ps camping in hawaii seems to wreke havoc on the environment... not sense of sanitation, environmental management.  
brett

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WHAT IS THE OPINION & CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF MOLOKAI?  
THEIR THOUGHTS SHOULD BE RESPECTED. THEY HAVE NATIVE RIGHTS!  
IT'S THEIR DOMAIN. THEY DECIDE ON TOURISM.

DEFINITELY PLANS A+B ARE MOST RESPECTFUL LET  
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IT IS NOT FOR RECREATION OR FROLIC. NOT FOR TOURIST  
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NO CAMPING OR FISHING TOURS. IT'S RELATIVE OR PILGRIMAGE  
STEWARDSHIP LIKE KAHROLAWE! NATIVE SUCCESS AFTER FOREIGN  
USE & ABUSE. GIVE CONTROL BACK TO NATIVE PEOPLE. AVOID  
MAUNAKEA & LACK OF RIGHTS. NOT ANOTHER "MANIFEST DESTINY"

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I was kind of looking forward  
into seeing Big Steve but was sad he  
transferred to Redwood. Right now  
I guess everything okay but there were  
people against making it more like a  
tourist attraction and some things to be  
respected. The stories of our people are  
all true but they seem to be only that we are  
not respected as we should be. Some like Hawaii  
is up for grabs because of us being a fake state!  
We are not Pacific Islanders - we are Hawaiians  
born and raised in Hawaii. Our land has gone  
up so high in value we can't afford to live here ourselves!

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From: Ms. Margaret Furtado

Comments:

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Beautiful Book  
"God Bless Us All"  
Send the Aloha's  
to Big Steve!  
Mahalo!

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25 APR 2015

Aloha,

THE PROPOSED PLAN IS WELL DONE & HOPEFULLY  
WILL BE FUNDED. I'm IN FAVOR OF EXTENDING THE  
PROPOSED NATIONAL PRESERVE TO INCLUDE THE PULU  
HOKU RANCH & PELEKUNU PRESERVE AS DESCRIBED ON  
P. 19 OF DRAFT PLAN.

SUPERINTENDENT ERIK ESPAROLLA & HER STAFF ARE TO  
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