



Comprehensive Management Plan Update

A Message from the Superintendent:

Aloha!

We are pleased to announce that the Final Ala Kahakai NHT Comprehensive Management Plan and Abbreviated Environmental Impact Statement will soon be available to the public. The National Park Service has undertaken an abbreviated format because comments on the draft CMP/EIS did not require significant changes in the final plan, but required only editorial corrections and clarifications of the text. Also, this format saves considerably on printing costs.

The abbreviated CMP/EIS will be mailed to all who signed in at the public meetings and to all agencies, organizations, and individuals who commented on the draft plan. If you are not among these recipients and wish to have a copy of the plan, please note it in the appropriate space on the enclosed card and mail it back to us. The abbreviated CMP/EIS will also be available on the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/alka>. In addition, you can telephone me at 808-326-6012 x 101 to get a copy.

The abbreviated format is not a full reprint of the original Draft CMP/EIS, and so it must be considered along with the Draft. It includes only revisions to the Draft CMP/EIS, a summary of comments received, our responses to substantive comments, and copies of letters received. Should you choose to receive a copy of the abbreviated final CMP/EIS, you will need to refer to your copy of the draft CMP/EIS while reading it. The draft CMP/EIS is also available at local libraries and on the Internet at the above address.

The release of the final CMP/abbreviated EIS and the published Notice of Availability in the Federal Register will be followed by a 30-day no-action period. After the no-action period, the alternative or actions constituting the

approved plan will be documented in a Record of Decision which will serve as the official approval of the selected management alternative.

The approved management plan will be published after the Record of Decision. This document will contain only the selected alternative. Other elements of the EIS will not be replicated. The approved management plan, which will include full-color maps and photographs, will be the working document that will guide the administration of the Ala Kahakai NHT and management activities on-the-ground over the next 15 years or until it is updated. Please note on the enclosed card if you would like to receive a printed copy or a CD-ROM of the approved management plan. You may also simply prefer to view both documents on the Internet.

We offer our sincere gratitude for your dedication, interest, and participation in the development of this plan. We initiated this planning process with the intent that the final comprehensive management plan would reflect and perpetuate the values, culture, and stories of the ancestors and their descendants, who built, continue to care for and use these historic trails in their daily lives. Your comments on the final draft validated this intent. We offer special *mahalo* (thank you) to our ancestors and *kūpuna* (elders) for inspiring and teaching us how to live in *pono* (balance) with ourselves and the land.

Mahalo a nui loa,

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Dates for CMP Planning Steps and Schedule

PLANNING STEP	SCHEDULE	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
1 Gather Data and Establish Goals and Vision	Spring 2003	Public Scoping Comments
2 Develop Alternatives	Summer 2004	Public Meetings and Comment on Alternatives
3 Prepare and Publish a Draft CMP/EIS	Summer/Fall 2007	Public Meetings and Comment on Draft Report
4 Revise Draft and Publish Abbreviated Final CMP/EIS <i>--we are here--</i>	Spring-Fall 2008	
5 Record of Decision Publish Approved Management Plan	Winter 2008-2009	

