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## Kalaupapa National Historical Park GMP Scoping Comment Form

During this initial "scoping" phase of the general management plan, we would like to know what you want us to consider as we begin planning and setting priorities for the short-term and long-term future of Kalaupapa National Historical Park. Below are some questions to help you. You may fill out this comment form and mail it back to us or you may fill it out electronically through Kalaupapa's planning web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/kala> or you may send us a separate letter with your comments. The comment period will extend through July 15, 2009. We hope that you will remain involved with planning for the future of Kalaupapa National Historical Park.

1. What do you value most about Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

Spirituality, Peacefulness, Quietness, the history Specialness, Powerfulness of the mana lesson about man and how we treat each other!

2. What do you think are the important issues facing the park and that should be addressed in the GMP?

That it stays preserved forever. No Hotels, No large tour groups. No Commercialization A Museum "topside" to tell the stories.

3. Imagine you are visiting Kalaupapa National Historical Park 20 years from now. Describe what you would like to experience or not experience.

The Spirit of the land and the people who lived and died there. The preservation will be for every! A Museum "Topside" at the State Park on Makena land.

4. Do you think that the purpose and significance statements and interpretive themes capture the essence of Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

Yes - I do and we all need to work to get there. The fact that NPS is going out w/ Molokai Community and communicating with everyone is a "Good thing".

5. Do you want to be on the mailing list for the GMP? If yes, please write your name and contact information on the back of this page. We will send you future newsletters and information dealing with the general management plan for Kalaupapa NHP.

My name is Julie Lopez and am on your list.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

July 14, 2003

sent via email

General Management Plan  
Attn: Steve Prokop, Superintendent  
Kalaupapa National Historical Park  
P.O. Box 2222, Kalaupapa, Hawaii, 96742  
[ALA\\_GMP@nps.gov](mailto:ALA_GMP@nps.gov)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the General Management Plan update for Kalaupapa National Historical Park. I am writing today on behalf of my father, myself and many others.

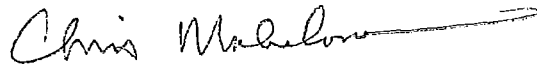
First and foremost, the Kalaupapa Peninsula is "Sacred Ground" to those of who have family buried there. Therefore, any future plan warrants the respect, preservation and protection of this sacred burial ground.

We are writing to express our support and endorsement of the GMP Position Paper submitted by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa ('Ohana). It is important to understand the significance and desires of past and present patients when considering the future of the Park. Not only did patients play a major role in creating the legislation establishing the Park, but they were also granted significant authority in defining the rules and responsibilities in park management. It is important to recognize that the 'Ohana document contains the wishes of the patients in their own words.

The 'Ohana paper also contains the desires of patient descendants like ourselves. Through extensive research, we have identified 38 family members including my grandfather, uncle and great grandfather, who were banished to Kalaupapa. We speak not only for ourselves, but also on behalf of those 38 family members. We are the voice of our kupuna. We know of fourteen family members who are buried on the peninsula. We have yet to find any of their graves. We support the 'Ohana position to establish the Memorial at the Kalawao side of the peninsula.

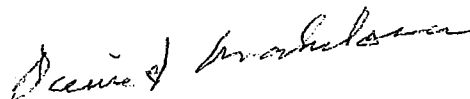
In addition to our immediate family, we also represent the wishes of numerous friends and family from Texas, Nevada, Utah, California and Washington state. We hope you will elevate the 'Ohana recommendations as a primary guiding document for the GMP revision. There is no better source, to legally and correctly preserve and interpret the settlement, than the patients and their families.

Ihalelo nui loa



Chris and David Mahelona

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In keeping with your Interpretive theme "created a community that reflected strength, dignity, faith, & merriment" please remember the boy scouts & girl scouts who carried on a vigorous program at both Kalihi Receiving Hospital & Kalaupapa. Detailed troop information including enrolled boys is available from Boy Scouts Honolulu and probably from Girl Scouts. I did research for a limited scope article on the Boy Scout troop posted at <http://www.elks616.org/d/d/3042.html> [if that doesn't work go to mail page, history, then scouting the "Elks and Scouting - A Special Troop"]

NPS has some info on troop already [Jennifer\_Cerny was contact], but the referenced article has more & there is more to be used in a park-special setting. Info not appropri. to a general audience article. I believe the scouting no-matter-what attitude of the youth exemplifies the theme stated above. The annual reports of their troop achievements, camping, good deeds, etc tells a powerful story. I'd be happy to contribute my sources, notes, etc.

I also believe we must quit treating this illness as a shame to hide. By treating the names as something secret we collaborate in the thinking there was something bad or wrong about the people who got this illness. We don't hide the names of people who died in a measles or small pox epidemic. These folks were sick and it changed their lives. Many of them took hold & got on with living. Let's celebrate that courage

Anita Manning, Historian, Elks Lodge 616 [but right now speaking for myself only]

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July 12, 2009

Mr. Steve Prokop, Superintendent  
Kalaupapa National Historic Park  
PO Box 2222  
Kalaupapa, HI 96742

Dear Superintendent Prokop:

SUBJECT: KA'OHANA O KALAUPAPA'S POSITION PAPER OF  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KALAUPAPA NATIONAL  
HISTORICAL PARK'S GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

I am writing to urge your full support of the recommendations from Ka'Ohana O Kalaupapa outlined in their position paper. The importance of including these recommendations in the National Park's General Management Plan is paramount to preserving and protecting the history and culture of Kalaupapa while honoring its residents, past and present with the dignity due them. It will also allow for coping with the changing future of this community.

Long before becoming the Molokai District representative on the Maui County Council, I was the island manager of Tropical Rent-A-Car and Tropical Rent-A-Mule. It was my association with the latter that allowed me access to Kalaupapa where I became acquainted with the residents, lifestyle and history. What a magnificent place, steeped in history, culture and spirituality. You could literally feel the presence of those that had gone before, their struggles, their plight, their manao, their hopes and their honor. This fortified my respect for the place and its residents. A respect that we must insure.

Time is of the essence. Immediately we must deal with the impending canonization of Father Damien as well as Mother Marianne Cope in the foreseeable future. These two significant events will insure a steady influx of visitors. Are we prepared for this? While it is extremely important to honor these two individuals for their selflessness and sacrifice in caring for the patients, it is just as important to protect the residents and their way of life with as minimal impact as possible.

As with any historical site, it is important to preserve the artifacts, the buildings, present daily life truthfully, to give the visitor a sense of what it was like, however I think the difference being that this is not a reenactment, but rather a continuation of life in the Kalaupapa community.

July 12, 2009

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This is an opportunity, a gift if you will that we still have descendents living here as well as extensive records of the oral history of this place. It behoove us to do right by the approximately 8000 plus residents past and present to preserve, protect and honor.

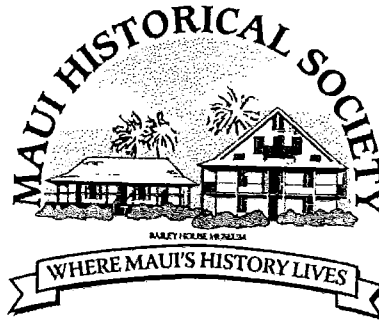
I stand by the meticulous, sensitive and thoughtful work of love done by Ka'Ohana O Kalaupapa. I urge your careful consideration of their recommendations for inclusion in the Kalaupapa National Historic Park's General Management Plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny A. Mateo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

DANNY A. MATEO  
Council Chair

cc: Molokai Council Office



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The Maui Historical Society shall collect, preserve, study, interpret and share the history and heritage of Maui.

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July 8, 2009

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Dear Superintendent Prokop:

The Maui Historical Society Board of Trustees has reviewed Public Scoping Newsletter #1, and several of the trustees attended the National Park Service's meetings on Maui.

The challenges the National Park Service face in managing Kalaupapa National Historical Park are formidable. We believe the area's national historic significance and its unique character must be preserved so future generations may remember and honor the thousands who were exiled and died there. For relatives, this is the final resting place for those stricken with the disfiguring and incurable Hansen's disease; many of whom lost contact with their families and suffered more than we can ever know.

Remaining patients and available family members of the deceased should be consulted for their concerns and ideas. They can best advise on how to preserve the area in perpetuity including what operations and visitor-use are appropriate. Maintaining the historic scene, while preserving and interpreting the lives of the people with respect and solemnity must be fundamental to the general management plan.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

Nicole McMullen

We have reviewed the position statement prepared by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. It is a comprehensive and excellent guide that should be most useful as a prime reference in developing the plan, because it is derived from meetings and contacts over the years with those with the knowledge, passion, and personal attachment to Kalaupapa.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Dawne Miguel Minford  
Vice President and Historic Preservation Committee Chair



Dear National Parks Service Superintendent and Assistant,

I grew up on both the Big Island and Oahu from 1951 to 1973. I left for other adventures. However, once an island girl, always an island girl. I just returned to Florida after a two week vacation to these two islands I grew up on. I read an article about some issues on Moloka'i and decided to respond to a request for feedback or thoughts or suggestions.

I would like to see Kalaupapa remain intact until all of the residents in the hospital are gone through death or through choice. I understand that it is financially difficult to run it on a once a day donkey ride for 100 people in fairly good shape. However, that helps retain the sacredness and the respect for this lovely site. I would like to see if a foundation with ongoing contributions can keep this site sacred as plans take place in a careful stratified manner over the course of many years.

My argument concerning the Catholic community is that I am sure now that a person was healed by touching Father Damien's gravestone that many would like to make that pilgrimage and demand access to it once the canonization process is complete if not already done so. However, by not respecting the laws and the sacred culture of the Hawaiian peoples in the past, Hawaii has reaped many tragic losses and only now, since I was a small child, do I see the pride and the efforts of the local people en masse. I see the beauty of the beaches restored to their natural wonder like Hauula on Oahu and the land being used for farming and such on many of the hillsides in Kahuku, etc. I see how not turning the Big Island into a tourist resort and limiting it to Kona has kept that island so gorgeous and so serene.

My argument is that I would visit every few years over time and see how each group of developers would crush the land with a city for Waikiki beach, huge amounts of hotels and resorts and golf courses, and the Japanese groups that left suddenly when their economy declined and left buildings that no one wanted after they tore down many fun landmarks. I question the use of the word "progress" when it involves the needs of others that overtake the needs of a natural order of things.

My thoughts would be that it would be nice to see the donkey rides continue and manage the damage that tourism can do by maintaining the sanctity of that region. Respect the rights of the hospitalized residents. Allow the Hawaiian home lands to be involved in how they would like to manage the "tourist" end such as has been decided to 'save' Waimea Park from tram rides and spoofs of Hawaiian culture.

Eventually, the park can accept more people on those walks and rides. Eventually over the course of time. I would love to do that in my life time and I don't want to see a mockery made of it. Been there, done that, Hawaii.

Catholics more than any other group understand the principals involved in a pilgrimage. Tourism seems nicely managed for Waipio Valley....when I look down I see farms set back from the ocean and a few folks walking on the beach....not a city with skyscrapers scoffing at the sacred valley. Because Father Damien is to be made a saint, it would behoove Hawaii to insist that he is treated as such and not another tourist attraction. I wonder what it would be like to go to Europe and visit healing places of saints like Lourdes where the vision of Mary was seen? Is it destroyed with a huge enterprise to make money on to the detriment of its meaning? I don't know.

If money is to be made, I hope much stays in the valley even as the Catholic group begins to make much money off of icons, charms, and holy items for sale. If Hawaii's Catholics manage this and they are aware of what we as the 50th state (this year no less for the 50th!) have had to endure with our racial disharmonies and efforts to dig out Aloha from its roots under all that was done to demean the island, I would love to see this.

Yours in harmony and love of the islands forever,

Kathleen C. McAlister MSW

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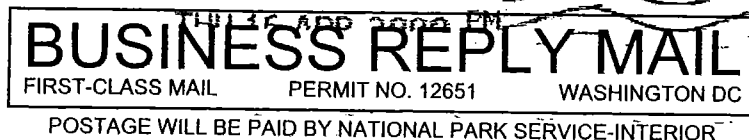
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THIS IS MY PERSONAL COMMENTS IN REPLY TO THE KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
GMP SCOPING COMMENT FORM.

1. WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK?

I VALUE THE EXPERT HANDLING AND UPKEEP OF THE NATIONAL PARK'S IN THE WAY  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE AREA'S VEGETATION, BUILDINGS, PLANTS  
AND WILDLIFE ARE BEING KEPT IN ITS PRISTINE ORDER.

2. WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE PARK AND THAT SHOULD  
BE ADDRESSED IN THE GMP?

THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE PARK THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED:

(A) FIRST, IS THERE A WAY TO CHANGE THE WORD 'PARK' WHEN YOU REFER TO  
KALAUPAPA?

IT SOUNDS SO MUCH LIKE A 'FUN AREA', A CIRCUS/FAIR TYPE OF REFERRAL.

(B) BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS WHO STILL RESIDE IN KALAU-  
PAPA AND THEIR PRIVACY. "NO PICTURE TAKING OF RESIDENTS UNLESS THEY  
GIVE PERSONAL PERMISSION TO DO SO."

(C) BE HOSPITABLE TO 'VISITORS' TO THE 'PARK' BUT ALSO MAKING THEM AWARE  
OF WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM--KEEP THE AREA CLEAN AS THEY WOULD IF THIS  
WAS THEIR HOME.

(D) VISITORS SHOULD BE ALERTED OF 'RULES & REGULATIONS' REGARDING THEIR  
BEHAVIOR IN THE PARK PREMISES...HANDOUTS, PRINTED MATERIAL OR EVEN A  
A SHORT 'VIDEO' PRESENTATION PRIOR TO THEIR TOUR OF THE PARK SO THEY  
ARE WELL INFORMED OF WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM. NOTHING SHOULD BE  
TAKEN 'OUT OF THE 'PARK' AS SOUVENIR ITEMS.

3. IMAGINE YOU ARE VISITING KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK 20 YEARS FROM NOW.  
DESCRIBE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE OR NOT EXPERIENCE.

I WOULD EXPECT TO SEE THE AREA AS IT WAS--IN ITS PRISTINE, NATURAL  
RESOURCES..NO COMMERCIAL ATMOSPHERE OR UNSIGHTLY ADVERTISING SIGNS.

I SUGGEST OR ENCOURAGE THE PRESENCE(ON INVITATION) OF OTHER CONSER-  
VANCY ORGANIZATIONS WHO WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HELP WITH THE ENVIRON-  
MENTAL PRESEVATION OF INDEGINOUS PLANTS OR OTHER ITEMS THAT WOULD BE  
OF GREAT DOCUMENTATION OF THE AREA.

4. DO YOU THINK THAT THE PURPOSE AND SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS AND INTERPRETIVE  
THEMES CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK?

FROM WHAT WAS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER #1 SPRING 2009 ISSUE, ALL  
INDICATIONS SHOWED IT A VERY INDEPTH STUDY OF THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS  
FOR THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE "PARK". AND ITS RESIDENTS.

I SEE A NEED TO INCORPORATE THE INTERESTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO  
HAVE THE INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF THE RELIGIOUS, HISTORICAL LIFE-  
STYLE OF THE RESIDENTS OF KALAUPAPA, E.G., FUNERAL SVS., RETREATS, ETC.

I AM CONCERNED OF THE FAMILIES 'VISITING RIGHTS' WHEN THERE IS A NEED  
TO HOLD FAMILY GATHERINGS TO HONOR THEIR DECEASED. WILL THERE BE A  
'LIMIT' PLACED ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES A FAMILY VISITS THE GRAVESITES?

WILL THERE BE A 'DATA BASE' TO DISCERN WHO IS OR WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE  
TO VISIT THE PARK OR THE GRAVESITES? WILL THERE BE A 'NEED' TO  
CARRY AN IDENTIFICATION CARD SHOWING WHOSE FAMILY OR WHAT GRAVESITE  
THEY ARE VISITING?

Submitted by: *Pichai D. Motta (Pichai D. Motta)*



"Pamela Nakagawa"

05/07/2009 01:15 PM

To <KALA\_GMP@nps.gov>

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Subject RE: Kalaupapa workshops

My comments are below:

Having done mitigation for the destruction of Native Hawaiian sites as a result of the building of the H-3 Freeway and having interacted with a Native Hawaiian working group who are strong advocates for the destroyed areas I would like to share some mana'o regarding site preservation:

1. Give full and careful consideration to the desires of those whose lives were impacted by the tragedy Hansen's disease brought to the affected individuals (the patients) and their families.
2. Although others may have ideas that include opening up the site to many visitors, camping, swimming, fishing, etc., the desires of the patients should be given priority over those who are not familiar with the struggle these people have gone through.
3. I agree with keeping the settlement intact. Rebuild the current buildings to become a living museum. An small auditorium type building can be built (similar to the one constructed for visitors prior to entering the Hanauma Bay preserve) for visitors to learn the history of Kalaupapa where a video can be created that would tell a complete story of the area. A guided tour of the facility can be take so that what the visitors saw and heard on the video can be experienced.
4. When the last patient has passed in the settlement, I think it would be an interesting idea to offer Hawaiian Home Land leases to family members of deceased patients who qualify with blood quantum to have an opportunity to live and work at the preserve. This would be an opportunity for living family members to reconnect with those in the settlement who were cut off from their families. Being able to visit and care for graves of loved ones who were affected by Hansen Disease and tell a passionate story of their kupuna at the settlement would be a humbling experience for family and visitor.
5. Visitors to the settlement should be limited - just as they are at Hanauma Bay - so that the area can be carefully maintained and not be overrun and destroyed by those who cannot be carefully monitored.
6. Pilgrims to the settlement should be given a separate tour visit so that areas specific to their interest can be covered and will not bore others whose reasons for visiting the settlement may differ.
7. An area where books and videos may be purchased by those visiting will memorialize their visit to the area. These books and videos (no trinkets) will help to maintain the cost for operating the center and help pay for those hired by the Park Service. A small concession area can be discussed.
8. It is very important that personal testimonies and videos of patients still alive be made immediately so that their stories will not be lost. These stories can be part of the video/cd offered for sale. These patients will be honored to know that their living testimonies

will help to pay for the upkeep of the place they all love so much.

I am very interested in what happens to Kalaupapa as the lives of my family have been altered tremendously by this tragedy. My husband whose mother was born to two lepers is still trying to find out who he is. I have been working on his genealogy for ten years. Also, my great grandmother, Makakoa Napapa is also buried here. The difficulty of Kalaupapa genealogies goes beyond words. Please place my name on the mailing list for all activities connected to Kalaupapa.

Mahalo nui loa,

Pamela Kehaulani Nakagawa

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Cc: hoddyhoo@hawaii.rr.com; Rose\_Worley@nps.gov  
Subject: Re: Kalaupapa workshops

Aloha Pamela,

Thank you for your message. Unfortunately, we have already conducted the public workshops on Oahu. They were on April 23 and 24. We are open to receive public comments for this initial period of the planning process until July 15. If you or others would like to provide written comments, we'd welcome them. Also, we will be holding public workshops on the Island of Hawaii on May 26 and 27.

Please feel free to contact us again.  
Thank you,  
-Anna Tamura

"Pamela Nakagawa"  
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To

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Subject

Kalaupapa workshops

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Aloha,

I am wondering when these workshops will be on Oahu. We have relatives who are at Kalaupapa also.

Pamela Nakagawa

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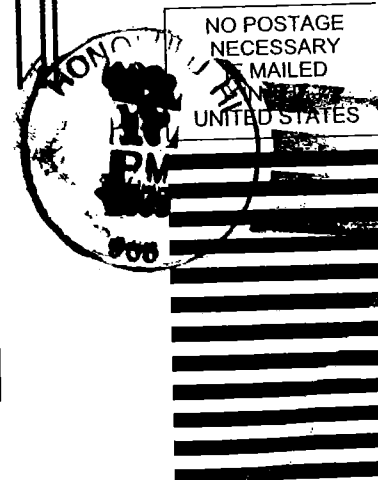
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The scenic vistas

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Yes - Good job

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Torrie Nohava - DCNR

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June 8, 2009

Stephen Prokop, Superintendent  
National Park Service  
Kalaupapa National Historical Park  
P.O. Box 2222  
Kalaupapa, HI 96742

**RE: Formal Notification and Initiation of Section 106 Consultation: Kalaupapa National Historical Park General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement Planning Process, Ahupua'a of Kalaupapa, Moku of Kona, Island of Moloka'i.**

Aloha e Stephen Prokop,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of the above-mentioned letter dated April 1, 2009. The National Park Service (NPS) is in the early process of initiating a multi-year planning effort for the development of a General Management Plan (GMP) for Kalaupapa National Historical Park. OHA offers the following comments.

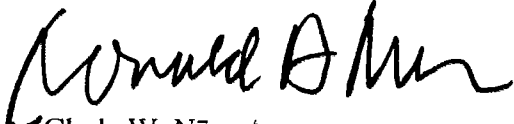
On May 21, 2009, the OHA Board of Trustees voted unanimously to pass a resolution supporting the position statement of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa ('Ohana), in honor of Paul Harada, Richard Marks, Elizebeth "Ku'u lei" Bell, Bernard Ka'owakaokalani Punikai'a, and Henry Nalaelua. OHA's staff has begun to work together with the 'Ohana to ensure the voices of the 8,000 residents at Kalaupapa will be heard and preserved in perpetuity.

Our office looks forward to participating in Section 106 consultation for the GMP. As specified in this consultation letter, the use of the NEPA process for Section 106 purposes will be utilized by the NPS. Our only concern with the use of the NEPA process during Section 106 consultation will come if an adverse effect is determined by the NPS. We look forward to future Section 106 consultation when more information becomes available pertaining to the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the determination of effect for the GMP.

Stephen Prokop, Superintendent  
June 8, 2009  
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have further questions, please contact Jason Jeremiah by phone at (808) 594-1816 or e-mail him at [jasonj@oha.org](mailto:jasonj@oha.org).

'O wau iho nō me ka 'oia'i'o,



Clyde W. Nāmu'o  
Administrator

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C: OHA Moloka'i CRC Office

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THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE AND WORK THERE.

2. What do you think are the important issues facing the park and that should be addressed in the GMP?

FATHER DAMIEN WOULD WANT THE PATIENTS' PRIVACY PROTECTED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

3. Imagine you are visiting Kalaupapa National Historical Park 20 years from now. Describe what you would like to experience or not experience.

1) SIMPLICITY

2) THE MOST RESPECT FOR ALL THE PATIENTS THAT LIVED ON KALAUPAPA.

4. Do you think that the purpose and significance statements and interpretive themes capture the essence of Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

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PHILIP P. PEROTTO  
DOROTHY A. PEROTTO

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THE INTEGRITY OF KALAUPAPA MUST BE  
MAINTAINED; WHILE THE PATIENTS ARE  
THERE AND WHEN THEY ARE NOT.  
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COMMUNITY, WILL BRING MANY DIVERSE  
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PENINSULA AND ITS PATIENTS MUST NOT  
BE FORGOTTEN. GUIDANCE BY THE PARK  
SERVICE CAN MAINTAIN THIS INFORMATION  
AND PROTECT THE CLEANLINESS OF THE  
ISLAND

*Philip P. Perotto*



Ralston H Nagata

<[REDACTED]>

03/30/2009 08:38 AM  
HST

To: Rose\_Worley@nps.gov

cc:

Subject: Re: Kalaupapa NHP Advisory Commission

Dear Bearer of Bad Tidings,

Just kidding.

I look forward to providing input in my, just informed, unofficial capacity. Regarding the General Management Plan, I sent in input several years ago, hoping for some way to find some way to incorporate the continued existence of the feral pigs in the vicinity of the settlement in the ongoing story of Kalaupapa. I will continue to advocate for their helping to maintain the ambience of the community, which will become more and more lifeless, sans patients, as the years go by. Like the bountiful sea and shore, they provided ready sustenance for the patients, a sort of pet-like companionship to some, a continuing visual living presence and, if allowed to forage on food waste of future human activity (by persons like yourself) contribute to green advocacy chic.

Ralston

On Mar 30, 2009, at 7:50 AM, Rose\_Worley@nps.gov wrote:

>  
> Aloha Ralston,  
>  
> Even though we sent your name forward as a recommendation, Governor  
> Lingle  
> did not nominate you to be on the park's advisory commission.  
>  
> I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news. However, Kalaupapa National  
> Historical Park still values your expertise and we would strongly  
> request  
> your input during the General Management Plan (GMP) process which is  
> beginning at the end of April. You are on our mailing list and  
> should be  
> receiving a newsletter the second week of April.  
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> I am attaching a schedule of our public workshops and we are holding  
> two on  
> 'Oahu. Even if you are not able to attend, your comments would  
> greatly be  
> appreciated.  
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> (See attached file: PUBLIC\_SCOPING\_SCHEDULE.doc)  
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> Here is a quick one page reference on what a GMP is:  
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> (See attached file: KALA\_GMP.pdf)  
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> The newsletter will provide much more information, along with a  
> comment  
> form. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. My  
> office

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I support all the recommendations for Kalaupapa National Historical Parks General Management Plan made by the Ka 'Ohane o Kalaupapa.

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July 13, 2009

Mr. Stephen Prokop  
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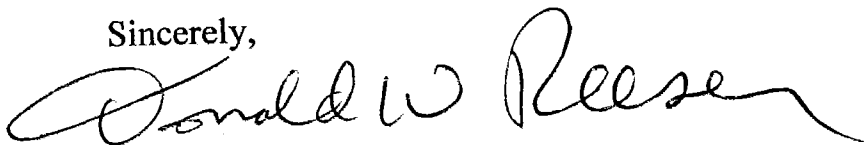
Dear Superintendent Prokop:

I attended one of the General Management Plan scoping sessions on Maui and I also am involved with the preparation of the environmental assessment for the memorial that received congressional authorization.

Before she died in 2007, my late wife, Henrietta Weber Reeser, whose great-grandmother, Rosine Weber, was forcibly relocated to Kalaupapa in 1911 and died there in 1917, became very interested in Kalaupapa and served on the Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa Memorial Committee. I pledged to continue to support her concerns and desires as well as represent our son, daughter and grandchildren with family ties to Kalaupapa.

I've had a chance to review and comment on the position statement prepared by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. I believe this document reflects the majority sentiments of patients and family of those lived and died at Kalaupapa. I urge the National Park Service to use this statement as a foundation for the preparation of the General Management Plan.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Reeser

[REDACTED] 96768  
[REDACTED]

KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

April 29, 2009

Testimony Hui Ho'opakele Aina

Hui Ho'opakele Aina supports the continued dignified treatment of the memory of those who suffered Hansons Disease here at Kalaupapa, we recognize and applaud the National Park Service and their commitment to this end.

1. We are concerned about the future impacts of the National Park Service on the **Island of Molokai.**
2. We are concerned about the future impacts of the National Park Service on **Hawaiians, and their history and culture at Kalaupapa.**
3. We are concerned about the future impacts of the National Park Service on **Hawaiian Homesteaders**, who are land owners at Kalaupapa.

We would like to have formal mechanisms created to address each of the concerns mentioned above. We recommend **task forces** be created for each concern with appropriate representations from the Molokai community, the Hawaiian community and the homestead community. We recommend some of the goals of the task forces include a listing of the concerns and their solutions, and the creation of appropriate mechanisms such as "**Commissions**" for long term partnerships in decision making and implementation for the park.

It is important that formal mechanisms be created early, to insure that Molokai and the Hawaiian community play an integral role in the creation of the future of Kalaupapa. The process we are going through now is unacceptable and inadequate to address the serious concerns and their solutions. Working groups are needed to address our three areas of concern as part of the planning process before the plan is accepted.

Here is a quick list of concerns just from Hui Ho'opakele Aina:

- How will the canonization of father Damon impact Molokai, and what is the process to insure Molokai input?
- Will the NPS take all of our north shore valleys?
- How will the community be able to raise taro in Waikolu Valley?
- How will the visitor counts and activities be controlled.
- How will the harbor expansion impact our island and Kalaupapa?
- How will homesteaders benefit from the use of their lands by the park service?
- Will homesteaders be able to have homesteads at Kalaupapa?
- Will homesteaders have job preference in the park?
- Will Hawaiian access and gathering rights be recognized?
- How will our historic sites be identified, preserved and enhanced?
- How will community, homesteaders and Hawaiians be part of the decision making process?

We feel that the actions of the NPS will affect the lives of all the people of Molokai due to the small size of this Island. Molokai wants to be in control of its future and has begun a serious effort to chart that future. The NPS will be expected to go the extra mile to make sure they are in sink with where Molokai is going and recognize the unique make up of the people and their life styles. It is with this in mind that Hui Ho'opakele Aina offer it's services to help formulate the requested working groups and task forces to insure proper input from our community.

Hui Ho'opakele Aina would like to express their non support for the expansion dredging of the Kalaupapa harbor. We do support the repair of the concrete pier for safety reasons. This is a consistent position we took in the proposal to expansion dredge the Kaunakakai Wharf. We feel it would be cheaper and environmentally prudent to use smaller barges. We need to live within our means, and see no need for larger barges for Kalaupapa.

Mahalo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter Ritte', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Walter Ritte

KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK  
General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

May 5, 2009

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
TESTIMONY HUI HO'OPAKELE AINA

On April 29<sup>th</sup> Hui Ho'opakele Aina submitted testimony to the NPS General Management Plan. We were asked to answer some of the questions we presented in our testimony. This is an attempt to answer some of the questions.

How will the canonization of father Damien impact Molokai, and what is the process to insure Molokai input?

The impact will be felt through out the island of Molokai. Palaau State Park and its Kalaupapa Look Out will see a major increase in tourist. Kaunakakai Catholic Church will also grow and tourist will impact the town. Mana'e or east Molokai has a church built by father Damien which will cause an increase in traffic to east Molokai. Molokai has only one airport and one main highway to handle any increase in visitors. We are worried about greed for tourist dollars and quality control of the whole father Damien experience.

**The NPS has a responsibility to make sure the mechanisms are in place to deal with not only the impacts at Kalaupapa, but on the whole island of Molokai.** Limits on tourist and quality of programs must include not only Kalaupapa, but include all of Molokai. Agreements and Understandings need to made now with federal, state, county and community groups.

**NPS need to work with their governmental partners and community groups as part of their general plan EIS obligations on Social and Cultural Impacts mitigations.**

Will the NPS take all of our north shore valleys?

Molokai has tremendous pride and fierce feelings of protectionism for its north shore and valleys. It is a place of original settlements for Hawaiians and its cultural history, artifacts and survival systems are still intact. The valleys contain the many secrets and answers for Hawaiians as to how their ancestors used these valleys for thousands of years feeding thousands of people in a sustainable manner.

These valleys also represent a great natural resource for the food security of the island of Molokai. Wall to wall taro terraces and millions of gallons of water per day can once again feed us as it did our ancestors in each of these major valleys.

We are afraid the NPS will be an end to our future of food security for our people in these valleys. Waikolu is one of the north shore valleys in the NPS. How this valley will be used by the NPS in partnership with the Hawaiian community will play a large role as to how the community will react to proposals to expand the boundaries of the NPS. Waikolu will be the example of the ability of NPS to partner with Hawaiians and their needs for traditional uses in the park. **Waikolu and the lease of Kalaupapa from the Department**

of Hawaiian Home Lands will become the litmus test of the partnerships between NPS and Hawaiians.

How will the community be able to raise taro in Waikolu valley?

The community has been consistent over the years in their request to begin a taro raising program in Waikolu valley. A proposal has been submitted this year to congressman Neil Abercrombie's office for funding to begin a program of taro production in Waikolu valley.

How will homesteaders benefit from the use of DHHL lands by the NPS?

The NPS pays for their lease, but homesteaders have applied for a lease at Kalaupapa and have been told no leases will be given out. DHHL have made public statements that there is no one on the list for homesteading at Kalaupapa, well that is because homesteaders were told there was no list for Kalaupapa.

**Some homesteading should be allowed at Kalaupapa. Rules and regulations need to be enacted by DHHL AND NPS to allow for homesteading at Kalaupapa.**

Will Hawaiian access and gathering rights be recognized and implemented?

Kalaupapa has many natural resources needed for survival by Hawaiians and our state constitution Article 12 Sec. 7 guarantees our rights to gather. **NPS needs to work with the appropriate state agencies and homesteader groups to come up with a management plan and implementation measures for the use of the shoreline for gathering and access to lands for hunting.**

How will our historic sites be identified, preserved and enhanced?

Hawaiians had no written language, therefore windows into our past depend largely on our historic sites. Many of these sites are intact in the NPS boundaries along the shorelines, on the peninsular and in the valleys. **Historic sites are a major part of the story of Kalaupapa that needs to be identified, told and enhanced. A cultural preservation plan needs to be developed and implemented.**

How will community, homesteaders and Hawaiians be part of the decision making process?

These partners need to be an ongoing and active part of the decision making process for the Kalaupapa National Park to insure a successful partnership of this valuable resource. **The EIS should include a mechanism to allow for input and advice from the community of Molokai, especially Hawaiians and DHHL homesteaders.**

Mahlao,

Walter Ritte

Comments -  
from Walter Ritté for KALA GMP

## **WAIKOLU VALLEY:**

### **A Traditional Management Strategy for Preserving an Endemic Island Ecosystem**

#### **I. Introduction**

In ancient times, Waikolu Valley on Molokai's North Shore sustained a healthy Native Hawaiian population and was renowned as a fertile agricultural area. Early inhabitants designed and maintained an elaborate and sophisticated irrigation system to supply the numerous taro lo'i with fresh water from the valley's perennial stream. Due to careful management of water and land resources, nearly every square yard of Waikolu Valley was devoted to taro cultivation, making the valley an invaluable agricultural site. Today Waikolu Valley is uninhabited and threatened by invasive animal and plant species, yet it maintains great potential to reclaim its history as a productive valley of major cultural significance.

A plan for traditional stewardship of the valley, restoration of its native ecosystem and revival of traditional taro cultivation could have significant cultural and economic impact for Molokai. Waikolu's wetland taro cultivation system could be revived to provide a traditional staple food for Molokai's population. Intensive taro cultivation would make best use of available natural resources and would increase overall food security and economic security on an island with a depressed economy and a significant dependence on imported food and goods. As Molokai seeks to implement sustainable practices and self-sufficient models, traditional knowledge will play an important role. The proposal is to start with a core group of 5 or more full time workers at the mouth of the valley to implement these traditional resource management practices. Because the valley is remote and difficult to access on a daily basis, workers will occupy the valley during the restoration. Under the proposed plan, working inhabitants would cultivate taro using indigenous knowledge and methods, which have great cultural significance and serve as a living model of traditional land stewardship for the rest of Hawaii and the world.

## **II. Archaeological Significance**

Although valleys such as Waikolu were the first areas settled by Native Hawaiians, little is known of its settlement patterns. Any archaeological information gathered from Waikolu would be applicable to most other valleys in Hawaii and would thus be of great significance.

## **III. Cultural Significance**

Molokai is the only major Hawaiian island in which the majority of the population claims Native Hawaiian ancestry and a close relationship to the land. Molokai was once renowned as Molokai Aina Momona, translated to mean: Molokai, the "abundant land" of fish, poi, and sweet potato. Today as many as 75% of the island's Hawaiian families practice some form of subsistence, but the loss of resources and increasing dependence on imported goods has compromised Molokai's ability to sustain its population. Waikolu and other lush north-facing valleys represent a prime yet unused subsistence resource for Molokai where traditional indigenous knowledge and practices can thrive in a living model of subsistence land-use.

## **IV. Kalaupapa National Historic Park/ Waikolu Valley Background** (Excerpted from *Hawaii Area Studies Public Law 105-355, Section 511. August 2000, United States Department of the Interior-National Park Service*)

*Kalaupapa National Historic Park was established in 1980 by the Public law 96-565 "to provide for the preservation of the unique nationally and internationally significant cultural, historical, educational, and scenic resources of Kalaupapa settlement of the island of Molokai..."*

*Although the primary resource management emphasis at Kalaupapa is preservation of the historic settlement structures, resource management objectives also recognize the park's inherent scenic, geological, biotic and archaeological resources. Natural resource management goals at Kalaupapa include conducting and encouraging natural history research to:*

- Further define and gain insight into the park's native island ecosystem.*
- Develop life history and ecological understanding of plant*

*and animal species facing extinction.*

- *Develop management strategies for preserving endemic island ecosystems.*

*The restoration of the relict native ecosystems found there would become a high priority, long-term resource management goal for park managers.*

*Waikolu, the largest and easternmost of the three valleys in the park, is similar in its geological, biological, ecological and archaeological resources to the other windward valleys to the east-- Pelekunu, Wailau and Halwa.*

*Waikolu contains an elaborate intact irrigation system which supported a prehistoric sophisticated system of rock walled terraces for wetland taro production. The ability of Hawaiians to use these valleys in a sustainable system for one thousand years and to support a large population shows the potential for sustainable ways of life. The practices of the first inhabitants of Waikolu valley could provide invaluable instruction on sustainability for Molokai, the rest of Hawaii, and the world.*

*Waikolu Valley contains the park's sole perennial stream. Native gobie fish in the Waikolu stream include the o'opu alamo'o (*lentipes concolor*), a candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act, the o'opu nakea (*awaous guamensis*) and the o'opu nopili (*sicyopterus stimpsoni*).*

*The Waikou stream is notable for supporting a large population of the relatively uncommon native Hawaiian stream snail, hihiwai (*neritina granosa*). Carter's panicgrass, *Panicum faurirei* var *carteri*, *cyanea procera* and *Melicope relexa*, all federally endangered plants are found in Waikolu Valley.*

*The number and types of archaeological resources and their excellent state of preservation make Kalaupapa one of the most valuable archaeological preserves in Hawaii, and Waikolu Valley offers the greatest potential for the presence of archaeological resources within the park.*

*There are cultural resources of national significance as Waikolu is representative of other windward valleys throughout Hawaii in terms of prehistoric settlement patterns. Their exceptionally rich ruins of pre-historic times remains intact.*

*Waikolu's importance to KNHP cannot be overstated in terms of environmental, archaeological, social and economic values.*

## **V. Position of the Local Community**



The stated primary objectives of the Molokai Community Plan were to diversify the region's economic base and provide more job opportunities and community services without disrupting the island's environmental resources. Recommended policies included: "Promoting the traditional use of... valleys along Molokai's North Shore as determined to be appropriate and the protection of shoreline marine life." One of the primary local concerns of Molokai residents is that they "want traditional land uses and rights of native Hawaiians to be sustained" (from the Molokai East End Policy Statement).

Regulating land use in a manner which reaffirms and respects customary and traditional rights of native Hawaiians is clearly mandated by Article 12, Section 7, Constitution of the State of Hawaii: *The State reaffirms and shall protect all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua'a tenants who are descendents of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the State to regulate such rights.*

This is a proposed partnership between Molokai Community Service Council (MCSC) and the National Park Service. Funding will be administered by MCSC, and the National Park Service will provide land use and technical expertise. A memorandum of agreement will be drawn up between MCSC and the National Park Service.

The ability of Hawaiians to implement their traditional resource management practices in Waikolu Valley will influence the continuing discussion of the National Park Service's initiatives to expand its boundaries to other valleys on the North Shore.

## **VI. Budget Narrative**

**Total Project Budget: \$1,163,750**

### **YEAR 1:**

Hire employees. Annual Labor cost for Years 1-5 is \$168,750. Salary is based on 40 hour work week: \$50,000 for a Project Manager/Supervisor, \$25,000 for each of 4 laborers, and a total annual fringe benefits cost of \$22,500 for 5 employees (including FICA at 7.65%, SUTA at 1.00%, TDI at 0.06%, WC at 2.54%, Health Benefits estimated at \$375 per month per employee)

- Project manager will evaluate site, identify a house site, work sites,

taro cultivation site, and determine scale of the working area. Evaluate entire valley to locate the 'auwai (stream) and its water distribution system.

- Eradicate invasive species from project site. Industrial chainsaws, brush cutters, animal traps/pens, and fencing will be purchased for \$10,000.
- Clear selected house site area and construct living quarters. Hale will be a traditional post design with wooden floor, walls, and roof. Approximate size 16' wide by 32' length. Building materials will be purchased for \$80,000. Approximate time to build hale is 6 months.
- Clear land for work areas, especially rock walls of taro terraces. Clearance will be done by hand. Hand tools, including chainsaws, weed-eaters, picks & shovels will be purchased at a cost of \$15,000. Approximate time to clear is 12 months.
- Conduct archaeological surveys of area, especially significant cultural sites and taro terraces. Archaeological supplies, mapping boards, cameras, and GPS for surveys to be purchased for \$10,000. Approximate time to complete initial survey is 12 months.
- Build temporary water distribution system with PVC pipes. Cost of PVC pipes and fittings: \$10,000
- Build native plant nursery. Cost of nursery supplies including plants, potting materials, and biodegradable building materials: \$30,000
- Implement emergency telecommunications system. Cost of telecommunications supplies: \$20,000
- Initial year 1 work in the valley will coincide with year 2 and 3 planning.
- Miscellaneous costs include transport of supplies via boat, cargo nets, and community outreach: \$20,000

**Total Personnel/Fringe Benefits Cost for Y1: \$168,750**

**Total Supplies Cost for Y1: \$195,000**

**Total Contractual Cost for Y1: \$35,000**

**Total approximate cost for Y1: \$398,750**

## **YEAR 2:**

- Restore 'auwai irrigation system. Approximate time to complete the restoration of 'auwai is 12 months.
- Continue clearing taro planting areas and conduct invasive plant

- removal; Restore taro terraces and plant taro
- Cost of archaeological monitoring supplies \$1,000
- Operational cost/maintenance of land clearing equipment: \$3,000
- Maintenance/replacement cost of PVC pipe irrigation system: \$1,000
- Maintenance/replacement cost of equipment for invasive species control \$1,000
- Maintenance/building supplies cost for hale: \$500
- Operational/maintenance cost of native plant nursery: \$4,000
- Miscellaneous costs including transport of supplies via boat, cargo nets, community outreach: \$5,000

**Total Personnel/Fringe Benefits Cost for Y1: \$168,750**

**Total Supplies Cost for Y2: \$15,500**

**Total Contractual Cost for Y2: \$7,000**

**Total approximate cost for Y2: \$191,250**

### **YEAR 3-5**

- Expand initial work area up the valley (project starts at the mouth of the stream)
- Continue restoring and maintaining auwai irrigation system.
- Increase taro cultivation and maintain Year 1-2 initiatives
- Annual cost of archaeological monitoring supplies: \$1,000
- Annual operational cost/maintenance of land clearing equipment: \$3,000
- Annual maintenance/replacement cost of PVC pipe irrigation system: \$1,000
- Annual maintenance/replacement cost of equipment for invasive species control \$1,000
- Annual maintenance/building supplies cost for hale: \$500
- Annual operational/maintenance cost of native plant nursery: \$4,000
- Annual miscellaneous costs including transport of supplies via boat, cargo nets, community outreach: \$5,000

**Total Personnel/Fringe Benefits Cost for Y1: \$168,750**

**Total Supplies Cost for Y2: \$15,500**

**Total Contractual Cost for Y2: \$7,000**

**Total approximate cost for Y2: \$191,250**

**VII. BUDGET**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Year 1 Annual Cost</b>	<b>Year 2-5 Annual Cost</b>	<b>Year 1-5 Total Cost</b>
<b>A. Personnel</b>				
Project Director	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Laborer	4	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$500,000
<b>B. Fringe Benefits</b>		\$18,750	\$18,750	\$93,750
<b>C. Travel</b>	N/A			
<b>D. Equipment</b>	N/A			
<b>E. Supplies</b>				
Archaeological		\$10,000	\$1,000	\$14,000
Land Clearing/ Terrace Auwai Restoration		\$15,000	\$3,000	\$27,000
Irrigation/PVC Pipes		\$10,000	\$1,000	\$14,000
Invasive Species Control		\$10,000	\$1,000	\$14,000
Building Materials		\$80,000	\$500	\$82,000
Communications		\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Native Plant Nursery		\$30,000	\$4,000	\$46,000
Miscellaneous		\$20,000	\$5,000	\$40,000

<b>F. Contractual</b>				
Helicopter Service		\$5,000	\$2,000	\$13,000
Archaeologist		\$30,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$398,750</b>	<b>\$191,250</b>	<b>\$1,163,750</b>

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The history and the walk down there and back up.

2. What do you think are the important issues facing the park and that should be addressed in the GMP?

as a sacred place, it must be preserved, maintained, and access limited.

3. Imagine you are visiting Kalaupapa National Historical Park 20 years from now. Describe what you would like to experience or not experience.

Well maintained physically but the present physical environment and history preserved with the present visitor limit continued. The place should be a "museum" with opportunity to experience the beauty. No commercial facilities.

4. Do you think that the purpose and significance statements and interpretive themes capture the essence of Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

Yes

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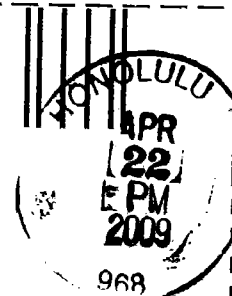
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1. What do you value most about Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

For me Kalaupapa is like old Hawaii and it should stay that way. ~~Not~~ let it be another tourist attraction, for the respect for the people that were isolated and died there.

2. What do you think are the important issues facing the park and that should be addressed in the GMP?

The park (Kalaupapa) still have residents living there, <sup>and</sup> they should be showed a great deal of respect, etc.

3. Imagine you are visiting Kalaupapa National Historical Park 20 years from now. Describe what you would like to experience or not experience.

If I am alive and visited Kalaupapa 20 yrs from now, I would like to see it the way I see it now. (Peace & Quiet)

4. Do you think that the purpose and significance statements and interpretive themes capture the essence of Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

I believe good intentions in these.

5. Do you want to be on the mailing list for the GMP? If yes, please write your name and contact information on the back of this page. We will send you future newsletters and information dealing with the general management plan for Kalaupapa NHP.

For me Kalaupapa (I know a lot of the history on Kalaupapa from reading and talking with Uncle Henry Nalae-lua) is a sacred and healing place and you won't find that anywhere else in Hawaii.

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1. What do you value most about Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

Quiet, Solitude, NATURAL Beauty

The residents still living who suffer from Hansen's Disease

Historic Structures

2. What do you think are the important issues facing the park and that should be addressed in the GMP?

Maintaining the "feel" of Kalaupapa

Stabilize / maintain structures

Prevent new development - and change

3. Imagine you are visiting Kalaupapa National Historical Park 20 years from now. Describe what you would like to experience or not experience.

would like: Appearance is of today,

See enclosure

4. Do you think that the purpose and significance statements and interpretive themes capture the essence of Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

yes

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My vision for Kalaupapa 20 years from now:

- All the patients are probably gone
- The area looks very much like it does today
- Small visitor center topside to orient visitors for potential visits to Kalaupapa
- Continue trail rides down & keep aircraft at same size
- Visitors, still limited in number, but have the option of spending a night or two
- Children are permitted to visit
- Area is managed as a historic site and not for recreational activities
- Visitors can walk and hike around village, the peninsula and beaches
- Cemeteries are maintained
- Feral animals eliminated or if determined to be part of the historical theme, controlled
- Vehicles are only for employees
- The "tour operates basically as it does today (either by NPS or Assoc employees)
- The State dining room serves as a restaurant for visitors
- Richards bar operates as it does today
- A shuttle system gets visitors) around the area no interpretation operates as it does today (visitors and employees) as well
- The "feel" of today is still there
- Of the 100 or so residences, all are maintained for their historic exterior appearance
  - Of the several most interesting historically, furnished, are open as exhibits
  - Of those needed for employees, are modernized inside for comfort, etc
  - Ten, Twenty or (?) are furnished as they might have been used by patients and Available for visitors to rent for the night
- Bay View (rooms & dinning area can be used for special groups (art, religious, volunteer groups, etc, temporary employees on assignment, etc.
- If new facilities are needed (i.e. for health & safety, etc) they be fitted into existing buildings or if it is essential to build a new structure, it should be hidden or the exterior designed to fit into the existing architecture
- The Pasque Hall be used as it was originally, for showing movies, etc for visitors and employees.
- Non-NPS lands should either be acquired or protected through conservation easements or other means
- Some of the rules now in existence, i.e. dress codes, quiet hours; etc would remain in place to keep the "feel of Kalaupapa".
- Above all, the themes of the management of Kalaupapa should be basically as follows in descending order of priority:

The history of the establishment of the colony for people of Hansen's disease  
The stories of the patients, care givers, and Father Damien  
The early Hawaiians  
The geologic story of the peninsula  
The rich natural history – plants, animals  
The relationship to the Hawaiian Island  
Administrative history, State of Hawaii, National Park Service, etc

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Subject Suggestion for future use of Kalaupapa

Aloha mail!

I have been to Kalaupapa twice, once to attend a workshop on the future of Kalaupapa in the mid 1990's and another time with my hula halau in 1997. I also had a relative who was a patient in Kalaupapa and died in a fishing accident there.

My thought of the future use of Kalaupapa is to make it a (spiritual) retreat where:

- 1) Hawaiian language students can learn to speak the language without the distraction of modern telecommunications (no TVs; do not allow free/anytime use of cell phones or computers);
- 2) Hula halau students can bond and concentrate on learning some aspect of hula as dictated by their kumu;
- 3) Hawaiian organizations can meet to plan strategy sessions to share their culture;
- 4) Troubled Hawaiian youth can spend time closer to nature (perhaps learning to farm) and begin resolving issues with minimum distraction;
- 5) Ho'oponopono sessions can be conducted there;
- 6) Hawaiian musicians, composers, writers, and artists can seek inspiration there and complete their works in quietude;

among other ideas.

And, each group who uses the facilities would be obligated to give something back to Kalaupapa in addition to user fees—clearing, cleaning, painting, planting, weeding, etc.

Certain Hawaiian protocol would be followed, such as chanting to ask permission to enter the area, and chanting to mahalo the area upon departure.

My idea is to make this a place of spiritual healing and learning, and to strengthen the mana of this special place.

Aloha,

Ann Shinsato

To: The Members of the Committee of the National Parks Master Plan for Kalaupapa

From: The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities  
Sister Patricia Burkard OSF, General Minister

Date: January 12, 2009

Dear Friends, as you gather to consider the future of Kalaupapa, the Sisters of St. Francis would like to offer the following thoughts and ideas for your consideration. These ideas come out of our relationship with the history and service to the people of Kalaupapa for over 100 plus years. We revere that history and celebrate the good that was able to be done because of the presence and charitable works of Mother Marianne Cope and her companion sisters. It is with that in mind that these suggestions are offered:

That the memory and history of Mother Marianne Cope and the Sisters of St. Francis, along with that of Father Damian and the Sacred Hearts Fathers be a prominent part of the historical iterations of the history of Kalaupapa.

That strong consideration be given to using Bishop Home as a museum where displays, artifacts, and historical materials are available for visitors.

That the chapel attached to Bishop Home, become an interdenominational place of quiet meditation and reflection so visitors can absorb the great mystery of courage and hope that were part of the history.

That the grave site of Mother Marianne Cope be attended to and remain intact and that the front grate leading to the grave site as well as the monument remain intact with appropriate markings and descriptions.

That places of worship such as St. Francis Church, St. Philomena Church, Shiloh Church and the Mormon Church, be kept and maintained as testimony to all religious groups that ministered to the residents of Kalaupapa throughout the history of the settlement.

That if tighter restrictions are applied to the coming and going of visitors that some consideration be given to waive such restrictions for the Sisters of St. Francis in light of our long association there.

*Received at Pre-scoping in HNL @  
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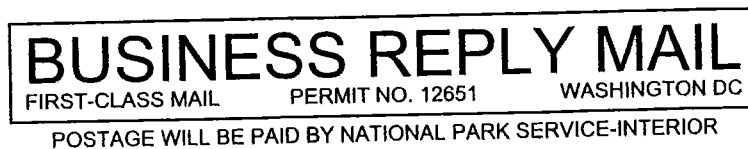
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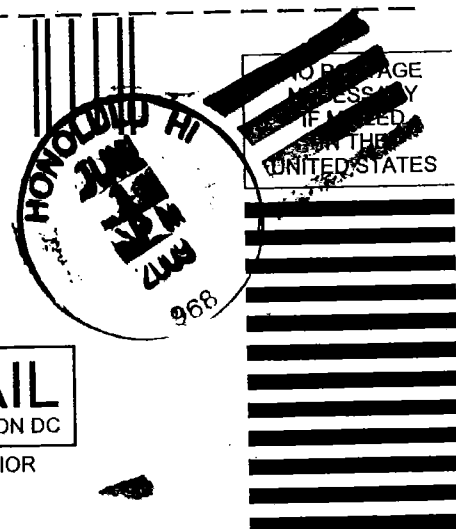
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<sup>1st</sup> <sup>3rd</sup> <sup>2nd</sup>  
It's serenity, landscape & remarkable history

2. What do you think are the important issues facing the park and that should be addressed in the GMP?

1. Access by the public; Historical Preservation  
3. The telling of its history

3. Imagine you are visiting Kalaupapa National Historical Park 20 years from now. Describe what you would like to experience or not experience.

I would hope the park landscape is much the same. I would like to be able to stay overnight 2-3 nights.

I would like to walk the grounds, and read the

☒ 4. Do you think that the purpose and significance statements and interpretive themes capture the essence of Kalaupapa National Historical Park?

history. I hope access is limited by a number of visitors per day. That there are no "private" cars (except park staff). I would like to see "low end" or "modest" housing for <sup>individuals</sup> groups who wish to do research or be on pilgrimage. And compatible / eco friendly food service facilities.

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July 13, 2009

Superintendent Steve Prokop  
Kalaupapa National Historical Park  
Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii 96742

Aloha Steve:

I am writing to support the Position Paper prepared by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa with the hope that Kalaupapa National Historical Park will include the 'Ohana's recommendations as part of the NPS General Management Plan.

As the former chairman of the Molokai Planning Commission and a member of the Molokai General Plan Advisory Committee, I have to say that this is the kind of outstanding document that any community would welcome to lead it into the future.

My support testimony is being submitted as personal testimony and does not reflect the position of either the Molokai Planning Commission or the Molokai General Plan Advisory Committee.

It's obvious that a lot of time, thought, research and discussion went into this paper.

I have been fortunate to have been part of Kalaupapa for many years. I have played Santa Claus for the Kalaupapa Lions Club Christmas party since 1993, traveled with the Kalaupapa kupuna to Belgium in 1994 and have been involved with Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa since its inception. My friendship with Bernard Punikai'a went back much further than that – I even ran against Bernard for the State House of Representatives in 1988 (we both lost). I urge the Park Service to preserve his home as a museum to the struggle for Hale Mohalu, as Bernard requested in his will.

I spent many afternoons in the home of Kenso Seki, visiting with him, Herbert Hayase and Ed Kato. I was so pleased when I learned that Kenso's house and Ed Kato's art studio were going to be preserved by the Park Service. Thank you for that. I also spent time with Peter Keola in his Bay View apartment – and I am hoping the Park Service recognizes his request to preserve his room and the full wing of Bay View.

As the patients have passed on, the feeling of reverence at Kalaupapa has changed. There seems to be more of an emphasis on providing comfortable housing and recreational activities for the workers. If we preserve some of the homes, churches, other important buildings and special places at Kalaupapa as they were when there was a larger patient population, we will be able to restore that feeling of reverence.

Superintendent Steve Prokop

July 13, 2009

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*I attended the scoping hearings on Maui and in Kaunakakai last April conducted by the National Park Service and I look forward to reading the comments collected from all of the hearings held around the islands.*

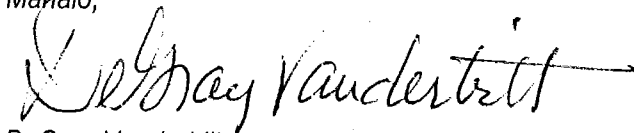
*One of the current projects close to my heart is the Kalaupapa Memorial. I sincerely hope the National Park Service adopts the 'Ohana's preferred location for the Memorial at the site of the Old Baldwin Home across from Father Damien's Church. When I have heard people talk about a possible Memorial in years past, the location most discussed was at this open space in Kalawao. At absolutely no time did anyone suggest that the Memorial be located on topside Molokai – I still do not understand the logic of this. As the Park Service people heard during the Kaunakakai hearing, Molokai people in attendance believed that the Memorial should be located in Kalawao, where many of the early residents lived and died and now lie in unmarked graves.*

*The National Park Service has been an excellent steward of the land at Kalaupapa – many of us know how the Park Service has greatly improved the quality of the drinking water, cleaned the graveyards and given the people of Kalaupapa the hope that their history will be preserved.*

*The 'Ohana includes people who have been involved with the Kalaupapa community for many years – and I urge the Park Service to work with these individuals on the future interpretation plan so the history can be properly told. I hope my grandchildren and great-grandchildren will someday come to Kalaupapa for a visit – and will hear the stories from the grandchildren, great-grandchildren or other descendants of the people who were sent to Kalaupapa.*

*Please adopt the 'Ohana Position Paper. It fits in perfectly with the Molokai Community Plan and the overall philosophy of those of us who live on topside Molokai.*

*Mahalo,*



DeGray Vanderbilt

cc:

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In 1977 my wife and I hiked the pali trail to Kalaupapa, not knowing what to expect or see. While the trail was difficult, we soon found this was simple compared to how the original residents arrived, being pushed overboard from ships and trying to survive the lava shoreline. I'm sure it was Mr. Richard Marks who gave us a tour and explained the lives that the various generations of patients made from their situation. Walking through the church we gained an understanding of how they suffered, yet thrived. While Father Damien was a catalyst for their support, medically and spiritually, the real story is in the people and how they had to live with this dreadful disease.

I think in 1977 the area was still untouched from much outside influence. My wife and I just returned from Maui and I fear that a similar fate could destroy the true significance and uniqueness of Kalaupapa.

I've read the document and agree with the intent. I know things can change over the years, so I'd like to iterate what I think is important.

1. Make sure the area keeps the Hawaiian culture first and foremost present to any visitor. Hawaiian culture very special and needs to be respected and preserved.

2. While Father Damien is of great significance, it's secondary to the Hawaiian people and their story. The great fanfare over possible sainthood should not become "in your face". As I look deeper into Hawaiian culture, I find it was almost erased by many religions. It's reasonable for them to co-exist, but the Hawaiian culture should be preserved and be the centerpoint of Kalaupapa's future.

3. I'm in agreement with the restriction on visitation, but suspect down the road the ADA will force a change in access. If this happens, there are few unintrusive solutions. The only one that makes sense would be a gondola. It seems reasonable that this issue needs to be discussed early before a bad solution is forced.

We left Kalaupapa with a great admiration for the courageous people who live and died their.

We flew out on Brant Airline in an old "tail dragger" with radial engines. I remember flying in the co-pilot seat. I expect this has been updated.





Rose Worley/KALA/NPS  
07/15/2009 08:34 AM

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Subject: Fw: Position Paper of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

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To: Kelli Wicke Davis <[REDACTED]>, Rose  
cc: valerie monson <[REDACTED]>  
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Subject: Re: Position Paper of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

OK Kelli. Thanks again for your interest and constructive comments.

Steve Prokop  
Kelli Wicke Davis <[REDACTED]>



Kelli Wicke Davis  
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07/09/2009 10:39 AM  
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To: <Steve\_Prokop@nps.gov>  
cc: valerie monson <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Position Paper of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

Dear Steve,

I was asked to clarify my support statement to make it clear that it was for the Position Paper of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. Please use this revised one below.

Mahalo,

Kelli

Support for the Position Paper of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

My name is Kelli Wicke Davis and I am a direct descendant of Frederick William "Willie" Wicke (my Uncle) and William H. Clark (my Great Grandfather). Until the last 10 or so years, our family was not aware of the existence of Willie nor the whereabouts of Clark. This is an

example of the extent family members went through to hide relatives who had been sent to Kaluapapa.

I attended a recent meeting at the Bishop Museum and participated in the breakout workshops providing concerns and ideas for the future of Kalaupapa and Kalawao. The general feeling from all who were there was that this is very sacred ground and it must be protected and preserved for future generations to see and understand. I would not want others to find out as I did that a child was completely "erased" from our family ancestry and lost for so many years.

The paper is extremely well thought out and filled with excellent suggestions and directions for its future. Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is doing a great job facilitating this work and bringing the Kalaupapa Ohana together. I support the Position Paper of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa completely and without reservations.

Aloha,

Kelli Wicke Davis

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and

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[REDACTED] 96734  
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Email: [REDACTED]

Aloha,

My name is Charmaine Woodward, Great Granddaughter of the late David K Kamahana and Alana Kamahana. Kalaupapa to me represents my history, my family's history, my roots. My Great Grandfather had a store there at Kalaupapa, lived there with my great grandmother for years, my grandmother was born there, so for the purpose of preservation and hands on history lessons, we need to keep Kalaupapa as Kalaupapa, not only for our history lessons but to pay respect to all those who were there before us. We have lost soo many scared places on our islands, we need to keep Kalaupapa, Kalaupapa especially with the symbolism of Father Damien being canonized, it is even more of a reason to keep it sacred. Many of our tourist and Kamaaina come here to see our history, old Hawaii and yet because over development can't find "old Hawaii", "historic Hawaii", this can be the best of both worlds, a short visit to old Hawaiian town that represents the history of our people. For generations to come they will see what our ancestors had to live through and endure to make it, to hear the stories of the people escaping and then returning again (like my Great Grandfather) but to know that years from now, they get to experience it, to feel it first hand what they expereined, nothing like being at an original site to expereince it yourself.

If there is anything I can do to help the cause, please let me know. I would even be willing to volunteer my services in up keeping the park, anything to keep this place exactly how it is.


Mahalo,  
Charmaine Woodward  
[REDACTED]

To add to this I would really like to have the National Park Service adopt the Position Paper prepared by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa to include in the General Management Plan.

On Wed, Jul 8, 2009 at 3:03 PM, Charmaine Woodward [REDACTED] wrote:  
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