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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park Post Office Box 52 Hawaii National Park, Hawaiʻi 96718



IN REPLY REFER TO: N7617 (HAVO)

May 24, 2010

Dear Interested Party:

I am pleased to inform you that the Crater Rim Drive Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and comment. Hawaii Volcanoes National Park proposes to rehabilitate 2.8 miles of Crater Rim Drive, beginning just after the junction with State Highway 11 (just before the park entrance station), and continuing to the gate just west of the Jaggar Museum parking area.

The EA describes one action alternative for rehabilitating the road and also describes the No Action Alternative, which would maintain the current road maintenance activities. It presents an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of each alternative and includes mitigation measures to avoid or minimize those impacts.

The EA has been distributed to Hawaii Island public libraries and the Hawaii State Library. The document is available electronically from the park's website (<u>http://www.nps.gov/havo</u>) and on the National Park Service's <u>Planning, Environment, and Public Comment site</u> (PEPC) at <u>http://parkplanning.nps.gov/havo</u>.

The EA is available for a 30-day public review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and National Park Service guidelines. The comment deadline for the EA is June 30, 2010; comments must be transmitted or postmarked no later than this date.

Comments are being accepted <u>online through PEPC</u> (<u>http://parkplanning.nps.gov/havo</u>) or through the mail at the following address:

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Superintendent Attn: Crater Rim Drive Rehabilitation P.O. Box 52 Hawaii National Park, HI 96718

We would consider all public comments in making a decision, which would be documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact, if appropriate. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that our practice is to make comments including names and/or home addresses, home phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of respondents available for public review. Individuals may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses etc. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state it prominently at the beginning of your comment. We would always make submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent