

WAO KELE O PUNA COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN



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Wao Kele o Puna is one of the largest tropical lowland rainforests in Hawai'i; the property is about 25,800-acres, a little less in size than Kaho'olawe.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs acquired Wao Kele o Puna to protect its natural and cultural resources, as well as the traditional and customary rights of Native Hawaiians accessing the property.

The Wao Kele o Puna Comprehensive Management Plan seeks to be a unique, innovative and culturally competent planning document. It does not simply include culture as a component of the CMP, but features culture as the driving force and lens through which the CMP is created, will be implemented and allowed to evolve.

While the CMP embraces modern day science, technology and proven best practices in conservation, it does so through a cultural perspective. Ultimately, the CMP provides a culturally competent stewardship framework for OHA to implement recommended actions.

All sections of the Plan are titled/labeled through the use of 'Ōlelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs). The reader is encouraged to pause after reading each to first interpret the literal translation (which is given), but also consider the Kaona (metaphorical messages) in each.

The reader is reminded that all things are integrated, interrelated and interdependent - as a system, from the mountains to the ocean. Likewise, there are repeated references to appropriate attitude and behavior on the property.

All recommended actions are noted in the last section of the CMP - these are listed under many of the typical headings of actions in conventional CMPs.



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