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**OFFICE OF MAUNA KEA MANAGEMENT COORDINATING VOLUNTEER EFFORTS TO  
MALAMA MAUNA KEA  
INVASIVE SPECIES FIREWEED PULL SLATED**

**Hilo, Hawaii**—The Office of Mauna Kea Management (OMKM) is seeking a few more volunteers to kokua this Saturday, June 30 as part of its monthly Malama Mauna Kea campaign to protect the fragile resources on the mountain.

This Saturday's volunteer efforts will concentrate on eradicating the invasive fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*) from the gravel road section of the Mauna Kea Access Road from the approximate 9,000' to 12,000' elevation. The fireweed pull will help to keep this invasive species from being transported to the upper elevation areas of Mauna Kea.

The day begins at 9 am at Hale Pohaku with a project orientation and acclimation to the high elevation. From 10 am until 12 noon volunteers will pull fireweed along the Mauna Kea Access Road followed by lunch. Wrap up fireweed pulling and a brief tour of Mauna Kea resources complete this fulfilling day on the mountain.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and space is limited. To volunteer or for more information contact OMKM Natural Resource Program Manager Fritz Klasner at 808-756-6022 or email: [fklasner@hawaii.edu](mailto:fklasner@hawaii.edu).

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