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OMKM CONTINUES COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Office of Mauna Kea Management participated in the Hawaii Island Realtors Trade Show held at Sanga Hall in Hilo last week. The OMKM team included Director Stephanie Nagata and Natural Resources Program Manager Fritz Klasner who handed out informational brochures and "talked story" with attendees about safely visiting the summit of Mauna Kea, OMKM's mission and the importance of protecting Mauna Kea's cultural and natural resources.



The event was hosted by the Hawaii Island Realtors as a part of their 2012 continuing education and trade show/pau hana. Realtors and affiliates stopped by the OMKM exhibit with questions and general interest about the management efforts underway on Mauna Kea.

The Hawaii Island Realtors Trade Show was an opportunity for the OMKM team to talk with Hawaii Island community members in a relaxed setting. The team shared important information and listened to attendees as they shared their own Mauna Kea experiences.

OMKM will continue its outreach efforts, sharing vital information on the long-term management of the approximately 12,000 acres of UH's managed land with the

community.

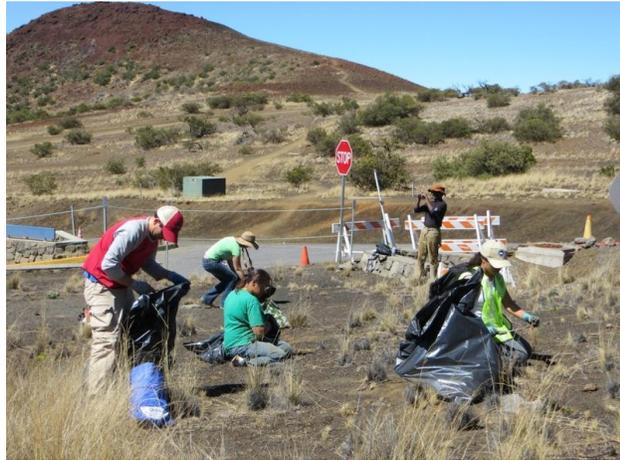
Volunteers Welcomed for Invasive Plant Removal

Help is needed this Saturday, September 22 for another volunteer invasive plant removal around the Hale Pohaku astronomy support facilities at the 9,500' elevation.

OMKM will provide transportation to and from Hilo. Volunteers should plan to meet at 8 am at the Institute for Astronomy. The group will return to Hilo about 3:30 pm. Lunch will also be provided.

This is a great opportunity to lend a hand to malama Mauna Kea.

Email fklasner@hawaii.edu if you are able to volunteer on Saturday! Your kokua is always appreciated.



ABOUT

The Office of Mauna Kea Management is charged with day-to-day management of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve as prescribed in the Master Plan. The adoption of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve Master Plan by the University of Hawaii Board of Regents in June 2000 marked a critical milestone in the management of Mauna Kea.

Meetings and public hearings spanning a period of nearly two years went into the formulation of the Master Plan, which established management guidelines for the next 20 years. The Master Plan reflected the community's deeply rooted concerns over the use of Mauna Kea, including respect for Hawaiian cultural beliefs, protection of environmentally sensitive habitat, recreational use of the mountain, and astronomy research.

It places the focus of responsibility with the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH). The UH-Hilo Chancellor established the Office of Mauna Kea Management and the Board of Regents established the Mauna Kea Management Board in the fall of 2000. The Mauna Kea Management Board in turn formed Kahu Ku Mauna, a council comprised of Hawaiian cultural resource persons to serve as advisors.



OMKM Mission

To achieve harmony, balance and trust in the sustainable management and stewardship of Mauna Kea Science Reserve through community involvement and programs that protect, preserve and enhance the natural, cultural and recreational resources of Mauna Kea while providing a world-class center dedicated to education, research and astronomy.

