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Subject: Re: DEIS comment letter for Honolulu Rail Transit
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Jan,
Sorry I was out last week and playing catch up. I received your phone call. It was my understanding in the January 8, 2009 meeting that we were not providing comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) we had outlined our concerns that would need to be addressed in that meeting. The development of the property has partially been taken into account in the Service's Biological Opinion/State HCP for federally endangered Kooloaula (*Abutilon menziesii*). As your actions relate to the Service's Biological Opinion/State HCP they are taken into account in regards to Section 7 consultation. However, the DTS or the FTA will have to obtain the Certificate of Inclusion from Hawaii Department of Transportation. The DTS (and any subsequent landowners who agree to accept transfer of the Certificate of Inclusion) must agree to and implement the terms of the plan. Our concerns regarding the proximity of the East Kapolei Station to Abutilon contingency reserve established in the State Habitat Conservation Plan for Abutilon were brought up in our January 8, 2009 meeting. They included risks associated with increase access to the contingency reserve, increased risk of fire, and increasing the risk of invasive plants. These would have to be addressed within the Final EIS and coordinated with the Service and the State.
Thanks,
Aaron

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Hi Aaron and James,

We were reviewing all the letters received on the DEIS for the rail project and have realized we don't have one from the Fish and Wildlife Service. Based on our meeting with you and your previous letter, we understand there is no need for a section 7 consultation/Biological Assessment for the project. In the DEIS we have stated that the project would have no effect on threatened, endangered or protected species. We need to show F&W concurrence in the FEIS. Would you be able to check to see if the letter just hasn't made it to us yet or was one not written?

Thank you so much.

Jan Reichelderfer

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