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8/13/21 Board of Land and Natural Resources Meeting
Agenda Item C-2

Aloha Board Members,

I am writing in strong support of agenda item C-2, authorizing DOFAW to execute agreements for the realignment of easement and acceptance of perpetual non-exclusive gratis public trail easements to improve access to the Ka'iwa Ridge Trail, Kailua, Koolaupoko, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 4-2-002: portions of 016, (1) 4-3-007: Portions of 018 and 077.

The Ka'iwa Ridge Trail has been an ongoing issue in my community for many years. Its popularity and subsequent overuse has caused daily disruptions to nearby residents and environmental damage to the hillside. Large swaths of steep areas have become completely denuded of vegetation, as people make new paths that are safer to navigate, as the previous paths deteriorate. Several feet of soil has been washed off during heavy rains and into Ka'ohao Bay, threatening the coral reefs there.

The Board approval of this submittal is a necessary step in taking control of, and better managing Ka'iwa Ridge. Trail realignment will allow the trail to become a positive resource for the community, hikers, and the environment.

I applaud the efforts of DLNR and especially DOFAW for their hard work, continued community outreach and perseverance over the many years it has taken to get to this point.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Marten".

Representative Lisa Marten
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