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cc: DOT
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Dear Mr. Sakaguchi:

**SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Review (NHPA) Section 106 Review –
Section 106 Historic Preservation Review Pre-Assessment Consultation for the
Keeau-Pahoa Road, Federal Aid Project No. STP-130 (028)
Kea'au Ahupua'a Puna District, Island of Hawaii
TMKs: (3) 1 (var.)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the aforementioned undertaking, which we received on April 27, 2009. We apologize for the delay in our reply. Repair work will entail widening of both sides of the highway for a total of 30-70 feet enlargement including culvert repairs/construction of stream tunnels.

We do not have records of archaeological surveys for these particular locations, but are aware of lava tube complexes (including many with associated burials) that cross under these stretches of the highway. For this reason we request you have a qualified archaeologist assess the area and include their report in the draft environmental assessment. Should archaeological sites or historic properties be noted during that assessment we will require an archaeological inventory survey of the project area.

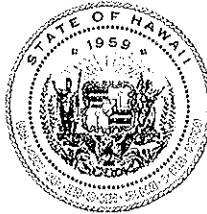
Please contact Morgan Davis at (808) 933-7650 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

Nancy A. McMahon

Nancy McMahon, Deputy SHPO/State Archaeologist
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SUBJECT: Section 106 (NHPA) Consultation / Abandoned Waipahoehoe Stream Bridge
Permit # (None)
Building Owner: Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii
Location: Keeau-Pahoa Highway
Tax Map Key: ROW adjacent to (3) 1-6-004:049

This letter is in response to email communications between archaeologist Alan Haun, planner John Sakaguchi, historian Ross Stephenson, and archaeologist Theresa Donham re an abandoned highway bridge along the Keeau-Pahoa Highway on the Big Island.

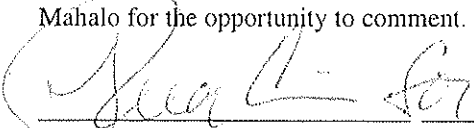
The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation has proposed widening the highway. This would require demolition of the abandoned bridge. The area of potential effect would be within the highway corridor. No excavations are planned outside of previously disturbed areas.

Nancy McMahon, in a letter dated June 15, 2009, stated that lava tubes had been found to cross the highway in the area, and requested that Wilson, Okamoto hire a qualified archaeologist to examine the area and include their report in the draft environmental assessment. The resulting *Archaeological Inventory Survey Portions of TMK: (3) 1-6-004:011, :047-:053, :055, :056; and (3) 1-6-064:266-:269, :283-:286, Land of Keaau, Puna District, Island of Hawaii* discovered the abandoned bridge over Waipahoehoe Stream. The latter site was assessed under Criteria D. The abandoned bridge's date of construction was approximated as the 1930s. After mapping, written description and photographic documentation the recommendation of Dr. Haun was that "no further work or preservation is recommended".

This office concurs with Dr. Haun that such mitigation is satisfactory and that the abandoned bridge may be removed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ross W. Stephenson at (808) 692-8028 or ross.w.stephenson@hawaii.edu.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment.


Nancy McMahon, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, DLNR, State of Hawaii

In the event that historic resources, including human skeletal remains, lava tubes, and lava blisters/bubbles are identified during construction activities, all work should cease in the immediate vicinity of the find, the find should be protected from additional disturbance, and the State Historic Preservation Division should be contacted immediately at (808) 692-8015.