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DHHL Update on the Pu`u`Ōpae Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan

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| Year | Event |
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| 1921 | 16,000+ acres of land set aside for homesteading in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act |
| 2004 | DHHL Kaua'i Island Plan Adopted |
| 2011 | DHHL West Kaua'i Regional Plan Adopted |
| 2013 | HHC Authorizes seeking Waimea River Water Reservation |
| 2014 | HHC Water Policy Plan Approved |
| 2015 | Reservation Petition for Waimea River Submitted |
| 2017 | Mediation Agreement Passed Modified Reservation Submitted and approved by CWRM (6.9 mgd) (first surface water reservation ever) |
| 2020 | Pu'u 'Ōpae Kuleana Homestead Settlement Plan Final Environmental Assessment published |

Summary of Proposed Land Uses

Subsistence Agriculture (240 half-acre lots) 387 acres

- Lessees are required to utilize their lots for agriculture or reside. Crops are expected to provide food to be consumed in the home or provide supplemental household income.

Supplemental Agriculture 63 acres

- Larger lots for supplement subsistence agriculture
- Larger lots would be for lessees who have the desire and capability to cultivate at a commercial-scale.
- Crops are expected to provide food to be consumed in the home or provide supplemental income.

Pastoral (12 10-acre lots) 110 acres

- Intended for large lot agriculture specifically for pastoral uses.

Community Use 152 acres

- To provide a central gathering place for community-building
- Land uses to be determined by the future homestead community.
- Possible uses include parks, community-based economic development, utilities, other facilities and amenities.

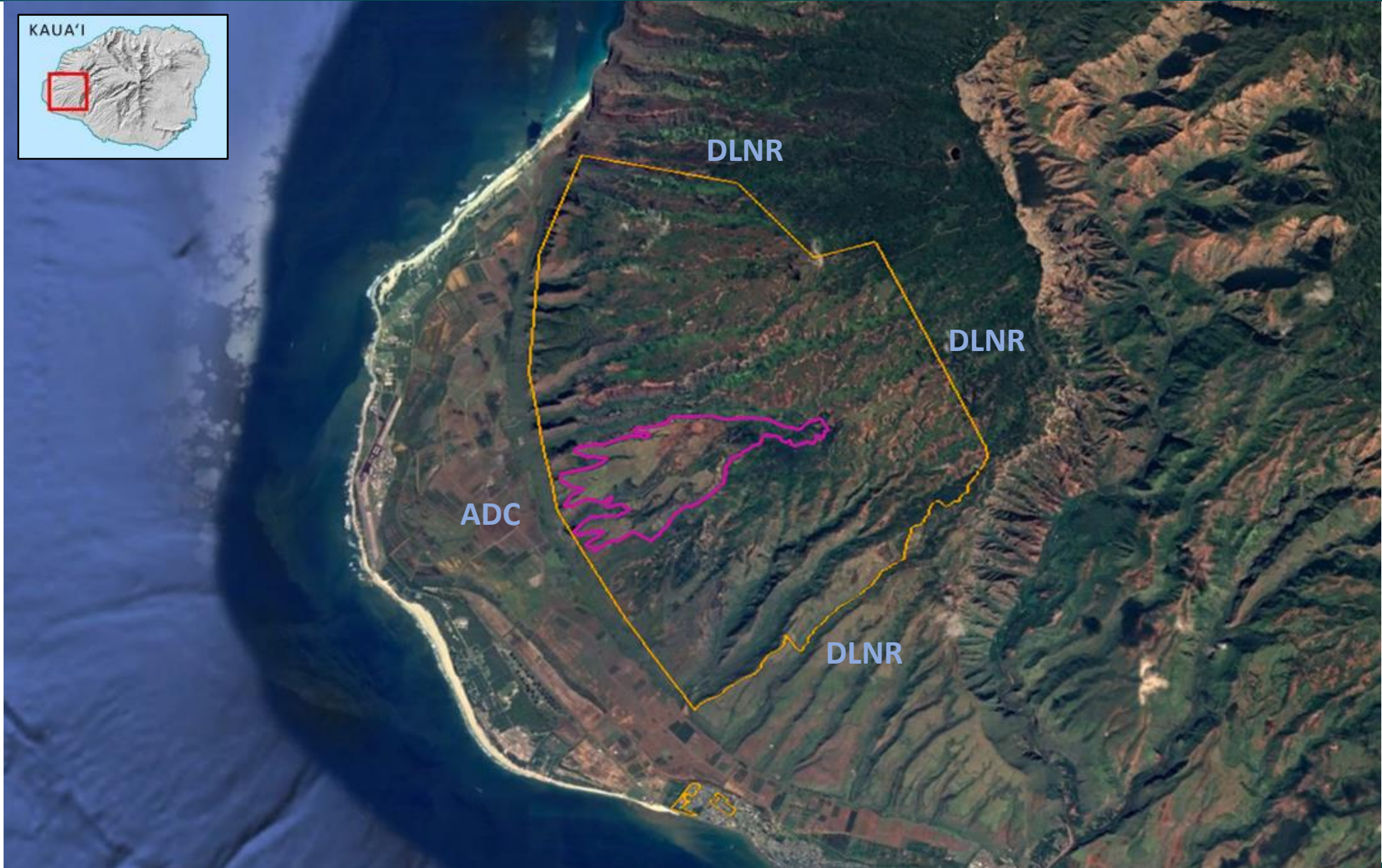
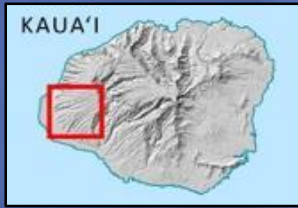
Special District 702 acres

- Areas requiring special attention because of unusual opportunities and/or constraints.
- These may include natural hazard areas, open spaces, raw lands far from infrastructure, mixed use areas, or greenways.

TOTAL 1,414 acres

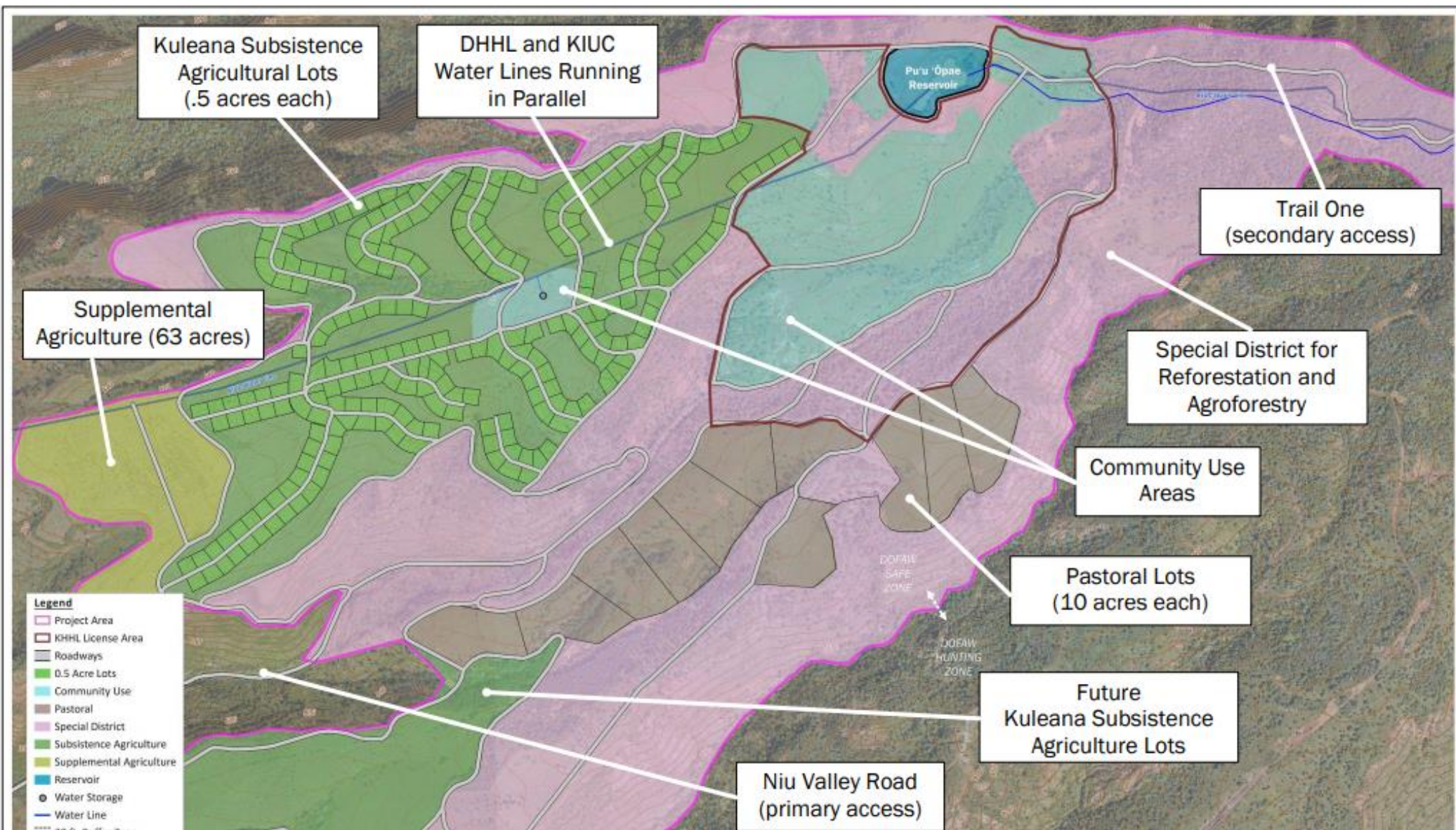


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HHC Water Policy Plan Development (2012 – 2014)

- **Planning while doing**
- **Background Research**
- **Scoping Interviews**
- **2013 beneficiary meetings (Hawai`i x 2, O`ahu x 3, Kaua`i, Molokai, Maui, Lāna`i)**
- **Key themes identified**
- **Feb 2014 Draft approved, ten more beneficiary meetings**
- **June 2014 approval**



Key Policies of the WPP

1. Expressly determine and plan for future water needs and actively participate in broader water management, use and protection efforts in Hawai`i in order to secure water.
2. Aggressively exercise, reclaim, and protect Hawaiian home land water kuleana.
- 3. Develop, manage, and steward water in a manner that balances cost, efficiency measures, and Public Trust uses in the short and long term.**
4. Affirmatively communicate our decisions, our reasoning, and our performance in managing, stewarding, and using water before and after making major water decisions.



Priority Goals of the WPP

1. Affirmatively communicate with beneficiaries regarding water decisions, performance, and water rights on a regional and annual basis.
- 2. Aggressively, proactively, consistently and comprehensively advocate for the kuleana of the beneficiaries, the DHHL, and the HHC to water before all relevant agencies and entities.**
3. Develop and manage a Water Assets Inventory (WAI).
- 4. Support watershed protection and restoration on DHHL lands and source areas for DHHL water.**



More information

- <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/water/>
- <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/beneficiary-consultation/puu-opae-farm-and-irrigation-plan-kekaha-kauai/>