

EACP Committee

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Aloha Chair Sinenci & Committee Members:

Had to testify because not only do we have Ancestors in Kauaula, but also so that you know how far reaching this problem with honoring our iwi Kupuna and sacred areas extend.

Our ohana in Hana are experiencing problems similar to our ohana in Lahaina. At Waianapanapa State Park, DLNR is widening our private road that leads down to the park without consultation with the families. They have been digging holes, pushing rock walls & digging out & not replacing parts of the road, but more recently, they've been digging near the perimeter if one of our 4 family grave yards that is located within the park & that we've always been granted "open access" to. Now there's a rope blocking our access & a partial rock wall where we've been driving through since the 70's, when they blocked our other access near the ocean side which was our access for generations.

The DLNR promised to make their own road to the Park over 30 years ago. Our ohana, after many enjoyable years of walking or driving peacefully to the beach to gather, fish, limu, opihi, clean ohana graves & have family reunions, camping, picnics, luau has gone from having it anywhere in the area, to needing permits, to designated areas, to...sorry, the park is closed today. We still have burials there. Our Mom, sister, brother & many Aunties, Uncles & Tutu's are buried there.

These special places, like Lahaina should have protections and Hawaiians (Kanaka Maoli) should never have to fight for our iwi Kupuna, who were put in an area that they love, hoping never to be bothered & Rest In Peace.

What if it were your Iwi Kupuna? What if it were a military graveyard? Please protect these wahipana.

Mahalo!