

## EACP Committee

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Aloha:

Attached is a Powerpoint presentation for tomorrow's EAC Committee meeting. Please let me know if you cannot access it.

I am sending a video in a separate email because of size. The video is referenced in the Ppoint presentation and illustrates the cultural impacts of over-visitation. I understand that showing the video may not be possible with the Blue Jeans system.

Talk to you tomorrow!

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# Haleakalā National Park

## Sunrise Visitor Management 2016 - Now

Natalie Gates, Superintendent, Sept.22, 2020



# Mission of the National Park Service

“to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same, in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for future generations.”



# Why was action needed at sunrise?

- Safety
- Visitor Experience
- Cultural Resources
- Natural Resources



# Objectives of Sunrise Visitor Management

To protect the park's natural and cultural resources,  
to protect the safety of staff and visitors,  
and  
to provide inspirational experiences.

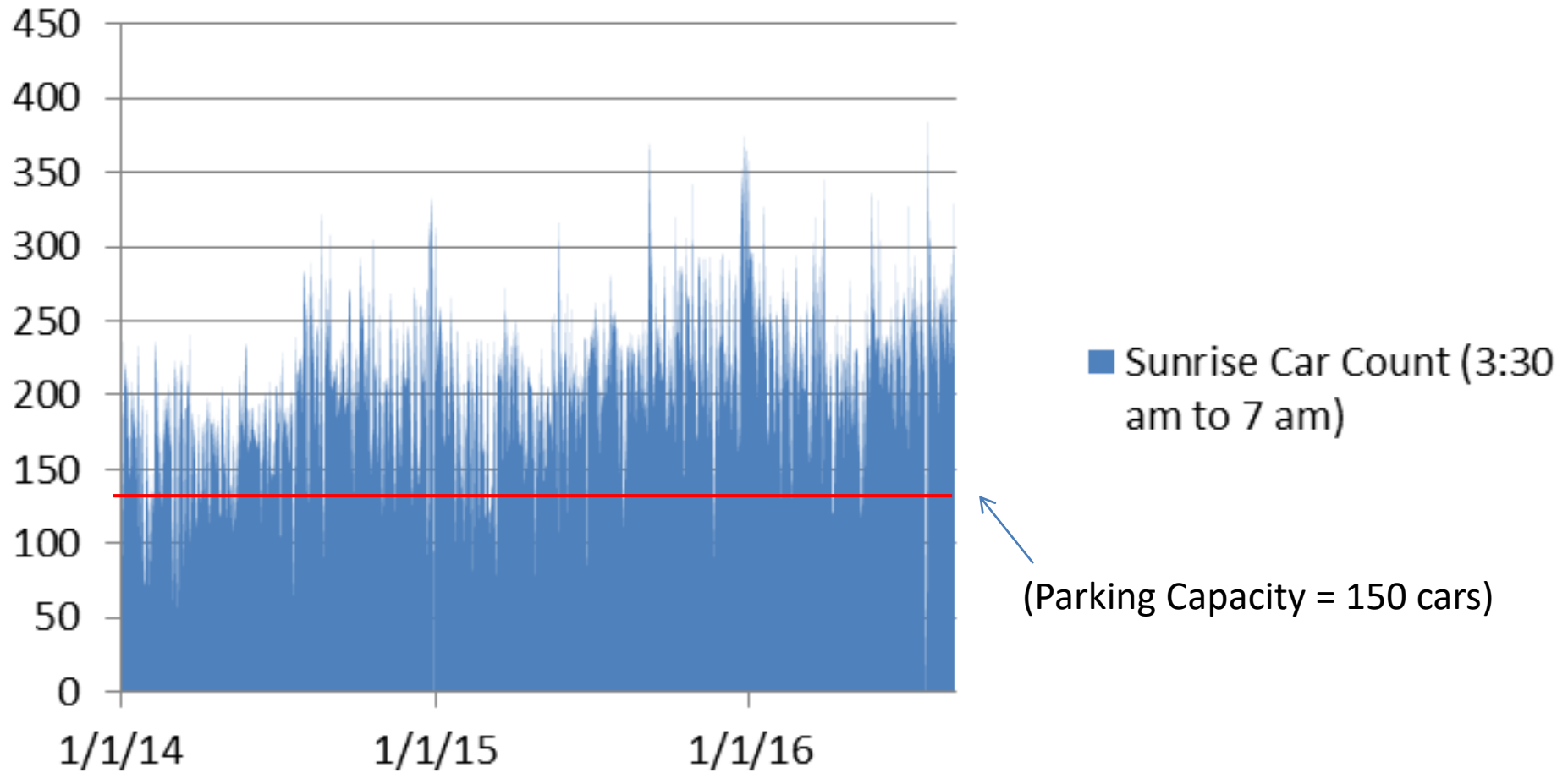


# Sunrise Monthly Vehicle Counts

## Jan 2014 - June 2016



# Sunrise Car Count (3:30 am to 7 am)



# Sunrise Visitation: Visitor Vehicles

## % Days Exceeding Parking Spaces

2014 83%

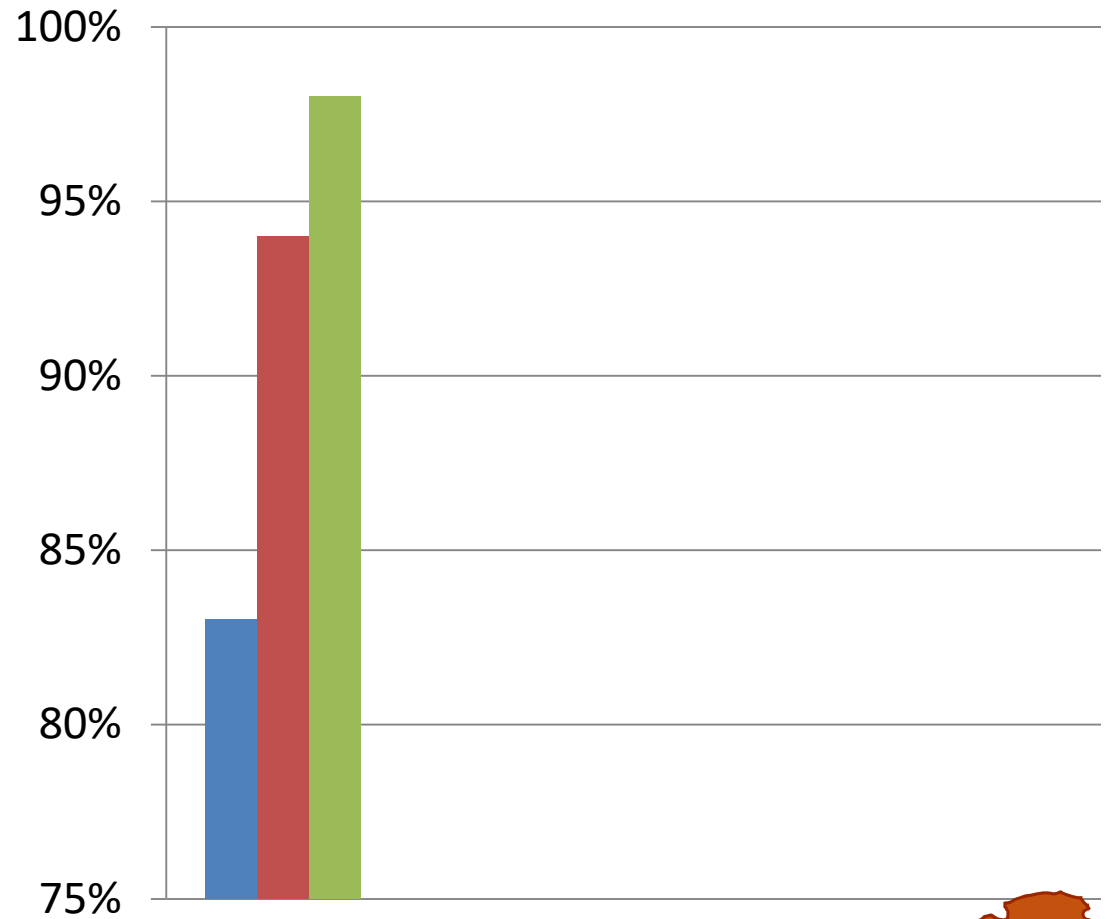
2015 94%

2016 98%

Parking spaces =150

2016 daily avg. vehicles=241

High=339





# Concerns

- Safety
  - Visitor Safety
  - Emergency Vehicle Access
  - Parking
- Visitor Experience
  - Visitor density
  - Noise
  - Parking
- Cultural Resources
  - Off-trail impacts to sites
  - Respect for cultural practices
- Natural Resources
  - Off-trail impacts to:
    - Nesting habitat
    - Native plants and insects



# Safety

- **Is there enough room for emergency vehicles?**
  - **Kula engines 9 feet wide without mirrors**
  - **Vehicles block road access**





# Safety















# Emergency Calls to NPS Dispatch



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# Sunrise Visitor Experience

Noise

Visitor Density

Parking















Po'akolu (wed)      Apelila 13  
Hawaiian Word of the day  
Lua pele Volcano

FIND YOUR PARK  
THANK YOU

Smartphone screen showing a list of items or a menu.

# Cultural Resources

- Off-trail impacts to cultural sites
- Respect for cultural practices



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# Natural Resources

- Some visitors bypass existing barriers
- Existing viewpoints are crowded
- Visitors go off trail to avoid crowds





# Off Trail Visitors







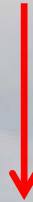




Off Trail



View Point



Off Trail



# Natural Resources

Nesting habitat

Native plants and insects



# Updates

- On Feb 1, 2017, the park implemented an interim change under 36 CFR Section 1.5 to restrict sunrise visitation as an emergency action to protect safety and park resources.
- The park completed a Environmental Assessment in 2018.
- Since 2017 until the park closed due to the pandemic in March 2020, sunrise reservations have sold out almost every. Native Hawaiian practitioners continue to be admitted without reservations or entrance fees all day.





# Updates

- **Medical calls have decreased markedly**
- **Impacts to natural resources are down**
- **Park neighbors have shown support for the new reservation system and indicated they are seeing fewer adverse impacts from park sunrise visitors.**



