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18 December 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR Maui County Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs and Planning Committee

SUBJECT: Updates on Recovery Efforts in Response to the August 2023 Wildfires on Maui Island (DRIP-2(12))

1. In response to the Committee's request to provide answers to the below questions:

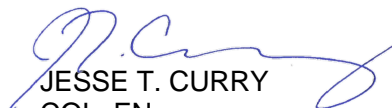
A. Question: What is the average number of truckloads of debris removed from each parcel in the Upcountry burn zone? Please also include the average total weight of debris removed from each parcel and any other relevant data.

Answer: Average truck loads per parcel / tax map key – 21.3
Average tonnage per parcel / tax map key – 234 tons
Total tonnage removed as of 17DEC23 – 4,922.69 tons

B. Question: Trees and other debris fell into gulches in the Upcountry burn zone as a result of the August 2023 wildfires. If heavy rain were to occur in the area, debris would likely obstruct safe flow of rainfall via the gulches, resulting in possible flash flooding. This would pose a risk to the community and surrounding infrastructure. Please describe what actions the County can take to seek federal support to remove such debris.

Answer: Maui County can communicate directly with US Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District for consultation and plan development to address watershed management needs. Maui County can also engage directly with Congressional Representatives, FEMA Region 9 and other federal agencies to determine available opportunities to address this issue. Currently removal of vegetative debris from the gulches is not within the authorization of the FEMA mission assignment issued to the US Army Corps of Engineers.

2. Point of contact for further questions or concerns is COL Jesse Curry, (309)235-6322, jesse.t.curry@usace.army.mil.


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DRIP Committee

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Attachments: DRIP Committe MFR answer.pdf

DRIP Committee Staff,

Good morning. Please see the attached memorandum responding to the request for information.

Very Respectfully,
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Updates on Recovery Efforts in Response to the August 2023 Wildfires on Maui Island (DRIP-2(12))

Colonel Curry: Please refer to the attached letter from the Maui County Council's DRIP Committee Chair Tamara Paltin, dated December 15, 2023. **Please respond by December 29, 2023.**

Mayor's Office: Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Mahalo,
DRIP Committee Staff