



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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JOHN A. BURNS
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Sunao Kido, Chairman
Department of Land and Natural Resources

FROM: George R. Ariyoshi
Acting Governor

SUBJECT: Master Plan for Mauna Kea

I am concerned that social pressures for more intensive use of Mauna Kea for scientific, recreational and other purposes pose a threat to the priceless qualities of that mountain. There are many legitimate and desirable uses which should be encouraged, and there may be some potential uses which must be either prohibited or closely controlled, if we are to preserve the historical sites and natural environment in the best possible manner.

To assure that full consideration is given to all aspects of permitted, controlled and prohibited uses, you are hereby directed to develop and promulgate, as expeditiously as possible, a Master Plan for all of Mauna Kea above the Saddle Road.

In preparing this Master Plan, please coordinate with the Department of Planning and Economic Development, the University of Hawaii - Institute for Astronomy, and the State Office of Environmental Quality Control. I also request that you assemble a broadly representative advisory group to provide input and commentary during the development of the Master Plan. This group should be ad hoc for this purpose and should include representation from Hawaii County government, interested and affected citizens, knowledgeable scientists, and persons with interest in environmental protection.

The Master Plan should incorporate the planning for the Science Reserve area under lease to the University of Hawaii.

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Finally, the promulgation of the Master Plan should include its adoption by the Board of Land and Natural Resources following public hearings, and should provide for both the enforcement of the Plan and procedures for its amendment.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

George R. Ruyoshi

- cc: Hon. Hiram K. Kamaka
- Hon. Shelley Mark
- Hon. Fujio Matsuda
- Dr. John Jeffries, UH
- Dr. Richard Marland