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Volcano House Project
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Dear Mr. Donald and Ms. Lee

We received your email today relative to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Partners. It is encouraging to anticipate providing a unified and proactive interpretation for all park visitors. The points that National Park Service has made in it's Long Range Interpretive Plan are welcome and in line with Kilauea Military Camp's (KMC) commitment to provide the most pleasurable and informative experience to park visitors. With those common goals in mind, we certainly intend to participate in any way we can in supporting the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park's vision.

All partners will need concepts and missions to fit perfectly within this very special and significant setting. The mission of KMC is very similar as we provide services, exposure and education to all of our authorized patrons. Your organization's presentations address sensitivity and commitment to the community that is so very important during these fast changing times.

Kilauea Military Camp is always looking for ways to deliver the finest service in the most efficient possible ways. In this regard, it is most important for all of the businesses and organizations in the community to partner effectively. These concepts can only enhance the experience of the visitors and improve the quality of life in the community.

Within our existing boundaries and current resources, it is our intention to fully cooperate and partner with all members, organizations and businesses within the surrounding Volcano communities. Kilauea Military Camp indeed has a number of underutilized facilities and these have gained special dispensation from Headquarters, Department of the Army for expanded use. A good example of this is when the National Park utilizes our Conference, Lodging and Food and Beverage facilities. We extend this same privilege to the operator of Volcano House as long as it meets the rules regulations and standards of the Special Use Permit that we have with the National Park Service.

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There are other examples of services that could provide efficiencies and make use of local resources. These are items such as laundry and kitchen facilities. At KMC these operations are increasingly being operated with renewable resources. KMC's vision is to continue as a leader in photovoltaic and green energy. This along with our extensive gravity flow water collection system presents a very favorable important leadership example. These initiatives already underway for KMC's infrastructure can set an example for reduction of the carbon footprint on the Island of Hawaii.

It must be noted that KMC cannot endorse any specific or named operator of the Volcano House. However, in the past we have offered and will continue to offer into the future, a cooperative and supportive service.

In light of our similar missions and the proposed quality and focus of the Volcano House Project it would be not only a pleasure but in the best interest of the community, the host culture and the visitors to cooperate and partner in as many ways as possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "S".

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