



October 7, 2011

Regional Director Pacific West Region  
National Park Service  
111 Jackson Street, Suite 700  
Oakland, California 94607

Attention: Concession Program Manager

Aloha,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs urges your support of the proposal submitted by The Volcano Project to obtain the lease to manage the concessions for Volcano National Park on Hawai'i island.

The vision of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is "Ho'oulu Lāhui Aloha" - to Raise a Beloved Nation. OHA's vision statement blends the thoughts and leadership of both King Kalākaua, and his sister, Queen Lili'uokalani. Both faced tumultuous times as we do today, and met their challenges head on. "Ho'oulu Lāhui" was King Kalākaua's motto. "Aloha" expresses the high values of Queen Lili'uokalani. OHA's mission is to mālama (protect) Hawai'i's people and environmental resources and OHA's assets, toward ensuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of lifestyle and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians, while enabling the building of a strong and healthy Hawaiian people and nation, recognized nationally and internationally.

OHA is currently in the second year of an eight-year strategic plan, which focuses on six strategic priorities. The Volcano Project proposal addresses five of these priorities – Economic Self-Sufficiency, Education, Health, Culture, Land & Water, and Health. Through The Volcano Project proposal the surrounding communities, many of which are made up of our beneficiaries, will actively participate in, and directly benefit from, the economic and education elements of the proposal, but more importantly, all of Hawai'i will benefit from a proposal that honors the location culturally and spiritually.

As a non-profit entity, The Volcano Project is positioned to funnel much needed resources back into the community, which will lead towards long-term sustainability. We feel that the essence of The Volcano Project will enable and foster collaborations between entities and organizations that will enhance the National Park Service's overall operations and its role in preserving the sanctity of this important National treasure.

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Therefore, we again state our position of support for The Volcano Project and hope that the review and selection committee give it serious consideration.

'O wau iho nō,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clyde W. Nāmu'o". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Clyde W. Nāmu'o

Chief Executive Officer

Office of Hawaiian Affairs