



# ARMY TRAINING LAND RETENTION AT PŌHAKULOĀ TRAINING AREA

## ARMY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Army has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Army Training Land Retention at Pōhākuloā Training Area (PTA) on the island of Hawai'i. The Army proposes to retain up to approximately 23,000 acres of State-owned land at PTA. Military training has taken place at PTA since it was established in 1956.

The Army prepared the Draft EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), guided by the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 1500–1508, and Army NEPA implementing regulations in Title 32 C.F.R. Part 651. The EIS also complies with Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules Chapter 11-200.1, collectively referred to as the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA). Both NEPA and HEPA require government agencies to fully consider the environmental impacts of a proposed major action and to take appropriate steps, where necessary, to mitigate potential adverse effects.

## DRAFT EIS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings for the Draft EIS will provide information on alternatives that were analyzed, summarize potential impacts, and provide the public an opportunity to comment. The Draft EIS public comment period starts on April 8, 2022 and ends on June 7, 2022. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native Hawaiian organizations; and the public are invited to participate in the Draft EIS public meetings and provide comments. The public meetings will be held at the following locations on the following dates and times:

1. 'Imiloa Astronomy Center on April 25, 2022 from 6-8 PM HST
2. Waimea District Park on April 26, 2022 from 6-8 PM HST

The public will have the option to watch the Draft EIS Public Meetings in real time via a live stream that can be accessed on the EIS website at: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/PTAEIS>

## REVIEW PROJECT INFORMATION

The public may review the Draft EIS and meeting materials on the EIS website: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/PTAEIS>. The Draft EIS also is available for review at the following libraries:

1. Hawai'i State Library, Hawai'i Documents Center
2. Hilo Public Library
3. Kailua-Kona Public Library
4. Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library

## OPTIONS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

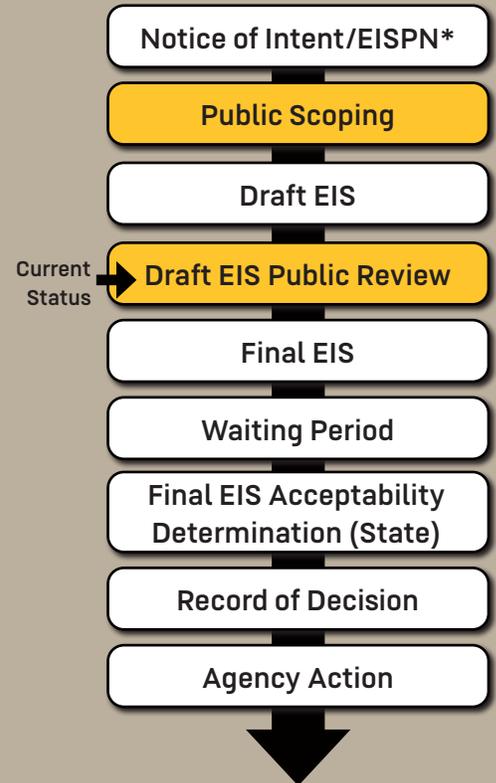
The Draft EIS Public Comment period is April 8 – June 7, 2022.

- ▶ In-person: attend a public meeting
- ▶ EIS website: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/PTAEIS>
- ▶ Email: [atlr-pta-eis@g70.design](mailto:atlr-pta-eis@g70.design)
- ▶ Phone: (808) 470-8884 (April 25-26 only)
- ▶ Mail: ATLR PTA EIS Comments  
P.O. Box 3444  
Honolulu, HI 96801-3444

Note: All comments will be valued equally, regardless of how they are submitted. Personal contact information will not be published in the Final EIS. Personal contact information will be maintained for the project record and will not be released unless required by law.

## NEPA/HEPA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The NEPA/HEPA process graphic (below) shows opportunities for public input in gold.



Notice of Intent/EISPN\*

Public Scoping

Draft EIS

Current Status

Draft EIS Public Review

Final EIS

Waiting Period

Final EIS Acceptability Determination (State)

Record of Decision

Agency Action



Scan with smartphone to be directed to the PTA EIS website.

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