

**INSPECTION REPORT**  
Commercial/Industrial/Resort/Other Business

**General Information**

Document Number: GLS 3849 or RPS \_\_\_\_\_ Character of Use Military Purposes  
Inspection Date: 6/24/2022 Inspection Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Land Agent: Gordon Heit/Luke Sarvis/Sang Kim

**TENANT INFORMATION**

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**SITE INFORMATION**

TMK: (3) 4-4-015:008, 4-4-016:005, 7-1-004:007 Area: 22,971 acres, more or less  
Site Address: Pohakuloa Training Area  
Hamakua, North Kona, Island of Hawaii

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

ITEM	N/A	CURRENT= COMPLIANCE	DEFAULT = NON-COMPLIANCE	COMMENTS
Rent	<b>X</b>			
Liability Insurance	<b>X</b>			
Fire Insurance	<b>X</b>			
Bond	<b>X</b>			

**FIELD INSPECTION RESULTS** (refer to Field Inspection Worksheet)

ITEM	N/A	COMPLIANCE	NONCOMPLIANCE	COMMENTS
Subleases	<b>X</b>			
Improvements	<b>X</b>			
Premises		<b>X</b>		
Character of Use		<b>X</b>		<b>For Military Purposes</b>

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**Field Inspection Worksheet**  
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**File Review**

**LICENSES/PERMITS/CONSENTS**

ITEM	DLNR Approval Docs in File			COMMENTS/NOTES/LISTS
	N/A	YES	NO	
Subletting	<b>X</b>			attach copy of list or map if applicable
Improvement Construction Buildings			<b>X</b>	note deadlines for % completion <b>Some structures (i.e., Quonset huts) were built prior to The current lease.</b> <b>Review of files does not indicate plan approval for any recent building construction.</b>
Improvement Construction Other structures/misc.		<b>X</b>		note deadlines for % completion <b>Plans submitted and approved by Chairperson for the installation of electrical substations within the lease area.</b>

**Field Inspection**

ITEM	SATISFACTORY?			COMMENTS/NOTES
	N/A	YES	NO	
<b>SUBLEASES</b>				
Consents approved	<b>X</b>			
Use adheres to lease purpose	<b>X</b>			
<b>IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
<u>Buildings/Residences:</u> roof		<b>X</b>		
paint		<b>X</b>		
exterior		<b>X</b>		
interior		<b>X</b>		
<u>Structures:</u> roads		<b>X</b>		
walkways		<b>X</b>		
fencelines		<b>X</b>		
others				
<b>PREMISES</b>				<b>See comments below</b>
clean, sanitary, orderly		<b>X</b>		
appropriate storage/use of hazardous materials		<b>X</b>		<b>Military Purposes</b>
<b>CHARACTER OF USE</b>		<b>X</b>		
adheres to lease purpose				

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	N/A	YES	NO	
Other:				<p>The designated use of this lease is for “Military Purposes”.</p> <p>Most of the area has been utilized for military maneuvers and for target practice and firing ranges into the Pohakuloa Impact Area (lands within the Presidential Executive Order 11167).</p> <p>Paragraph 9 of the lease states: In recognition of public use of the demised premises, the Government shall make every reasonable effort to stockpile supplies and equipment in an orderly fashion and away from established roads and trails and to remove or deactivate all live or blank ammunition upon completion of a training exercise or prior to entry by said public.</p> <p>Paragraph 14 of the lease states: In recognition of the limited amount of land available for public use, of the importance of forest reserves and watersheds in Hawaii, and of the necessity for preventing or controlling erosion, the Government hereby agrees that commensurate with training activities, it will take reasonable action during its use of the premises herein demised to prevent unnecessary damage to or destruction of vegetation, wildlife and forest cover, geological features and related natural resources and improvements constructed by the Lessor, help preserve the natural beauty of the premises, avoid pollution or contamination of all ground and surface waters and remove or bury all trash, garbage and other waste materials resulting from Government use of said premises.</p>

#### Site Inspection, 6/24/2022:

As a result of a court ordered DLNR management plan for the leased lands at Pohakuloa, a site inspection of GL S-3849 was recommended to be conducted annually, accompanied by a formatted inspection report. Requirements for the inspection report include identification of the areas inspected, photographs, and a narrative account of the inspection. Recommendations for the inspection report include identification of areas that should be the target of future inspections and comments on any necessary corrective action. Additional recommended actions associated with the inspections include efforts to conduct inspections in 500-acre increments, participation by up to two representatives designated by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, and inspection of priority areas identified in the management plan.

The 2022 inspection occurred on June 24, 2022 with staff from the Land Division along with a representative from the Attorney General’s office. Also present were members of the military as well as two observers designated by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation. The two observers were Maxine Kahaulelio, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit resulting in the court ordered DLNR management plan, and Kealoha Pisciotta.

Prior to commencing the inspection, a safety briefing was conducted and the participants were given an overview of the inspection plan, and Ms. Kahaulelio led the group in a pule. Prior to visiting the cultural sites, a



representative and cultural specialist chanted an oli. Efforts were made to proceed respectfully and cautiously over the rough terrain.

The emphasis of this inspection was a focus on the priority areas located in the area north of Lava Road and east of Kaua Road. The management plan describes this area in the context of the significant archeological sites that are located within that area. The 2022 inspection included four cultural sites described in the management plan, with a focus on locating the sites and inspecting the areas leading to and surrounding the site in order to see if military debris remains there. The sites visited were plotted on a map circulated to all participants, and a reference area of 500 acres was depicted on the map to inform the inspection team of the size of the inspection area relative to the overall leased area.

Each of the four inspection areas was observed and visited by foot, and the overall condition of the sites and surrounding area was good. Some small items of trash were observed and removed by military personnel, and there were a small number of spent ordnance (i.e., spent shell casings) that were observed in the staging areas for the inspection. The vast majority of the inspection area was free of any trash or debris and consisted of lava fields that appeared to be in a natural and undisturbed condition. In particular, the walking routes to the cultural sites, and the area in the immediate vicinity of the cultural sites, was in good condition. There were no UXO or suspected UXO found, and there were no derelict vehicles or dilapidated military equipment.

During the inspection, military personnel used modern equipment to provide updated and more accurate gps positioning coordinates for the sites. The cultural sites were typically located in areas not visible from the roadway, and the military personnel were able to effectively guide the group to the sites over rough, unmarked terrain.

A copy of the inspection map is appended to this inspection report.

**Site 23457** - The inspection began at an area south of the Bradshaw Airfield. The first location was approximately 1,000 feet from an access roadway. The site was identified as a trail with several cairns or “ahu’s” marking the way. Access was over very rough a’ā lava and fountain grass.

**Site 23462** - The second location was a single cairn approximately 100 feet west of the Menehune Road. Access to the site was over open, and somewhat rough terrain.

**Site 19490** - The third location was east of the Menehune Road and was recognized by a somewhat visible historical trail with cairn markers. Several lava tubes possibly used as shelters and containing artifacts were identified. This was a challenging 40-minute hike over rough a’ā lava terrain.

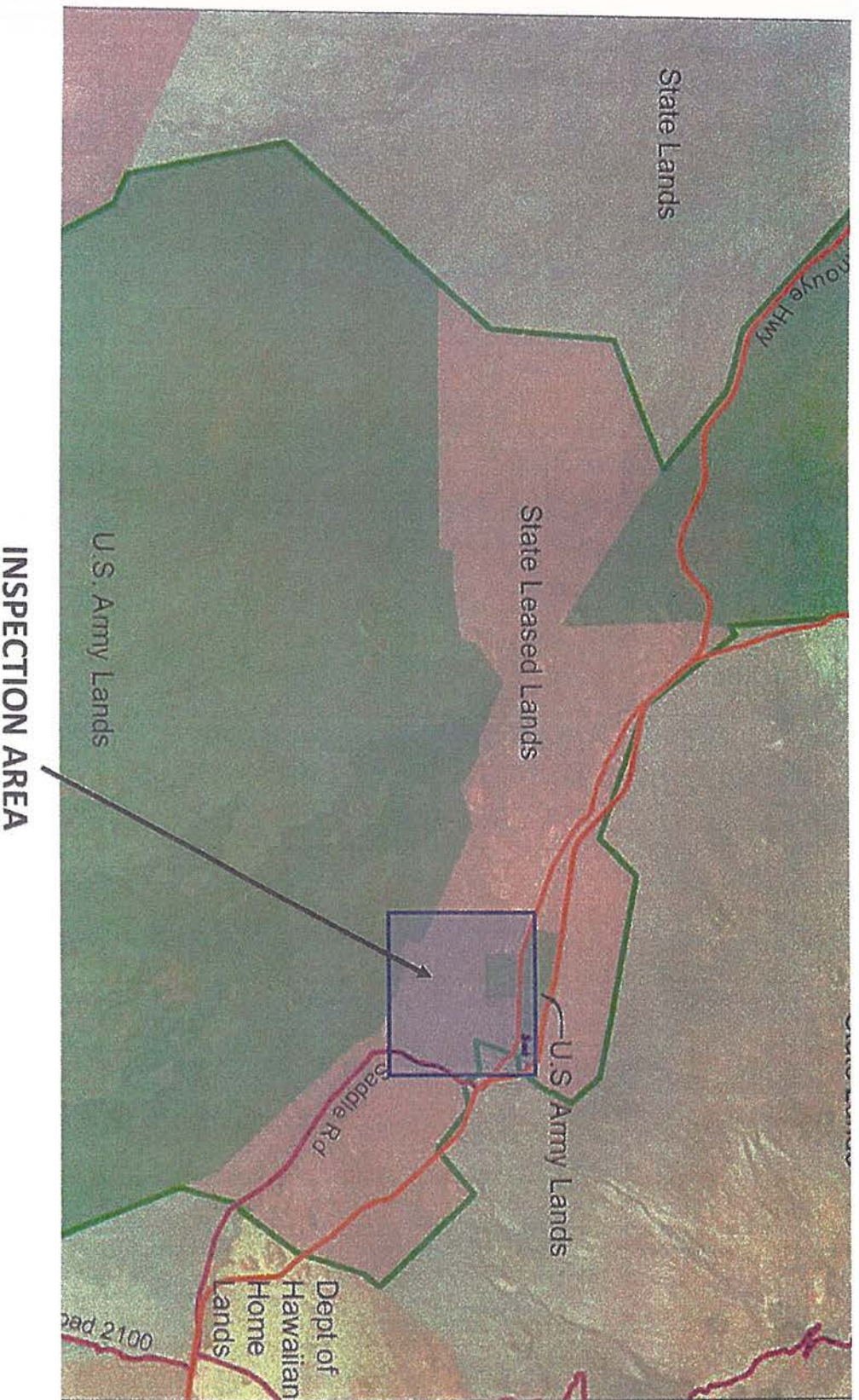
**Site 23456** – The fourth location was approximately 1/4 mile south of Armor Road. This was a secluded enclosure site with possible historic artifacts within the enclosure and surrounding area. The round trip to and from the site was over 60 minutes over extremely rough terrain.

### **Recommendations:**

In compliance with the court ordered DLNR management plan, it is recommended that the additional cultural sites in the initial inspection area be located with more precise GPS coordinates, and the surrounding area inspected for any trash or debris. Any such trash or debris should be removed and properly disposed of. In connection with paragraphs 9, 28 and 29 of GL3849, Land Division is requesting the Army evaluate the condition of all State leased lands that may require cleanup now or in the future and estimate those costs. The Army and the State should thereafter explore all reasonable avenues of state and federal funding for future cleanup. A copy of this inspection report and recommendation will be provide to the appropriate military representatives.

It is also recommended that future inspections should include areas that have not been inspected previously and should focus on a new area of approximately 500 acres. Consistent with the requests of the two representatives of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, future inspections should confirm completion of cleanup activities in areas of concern identified in prior inspection report(s).







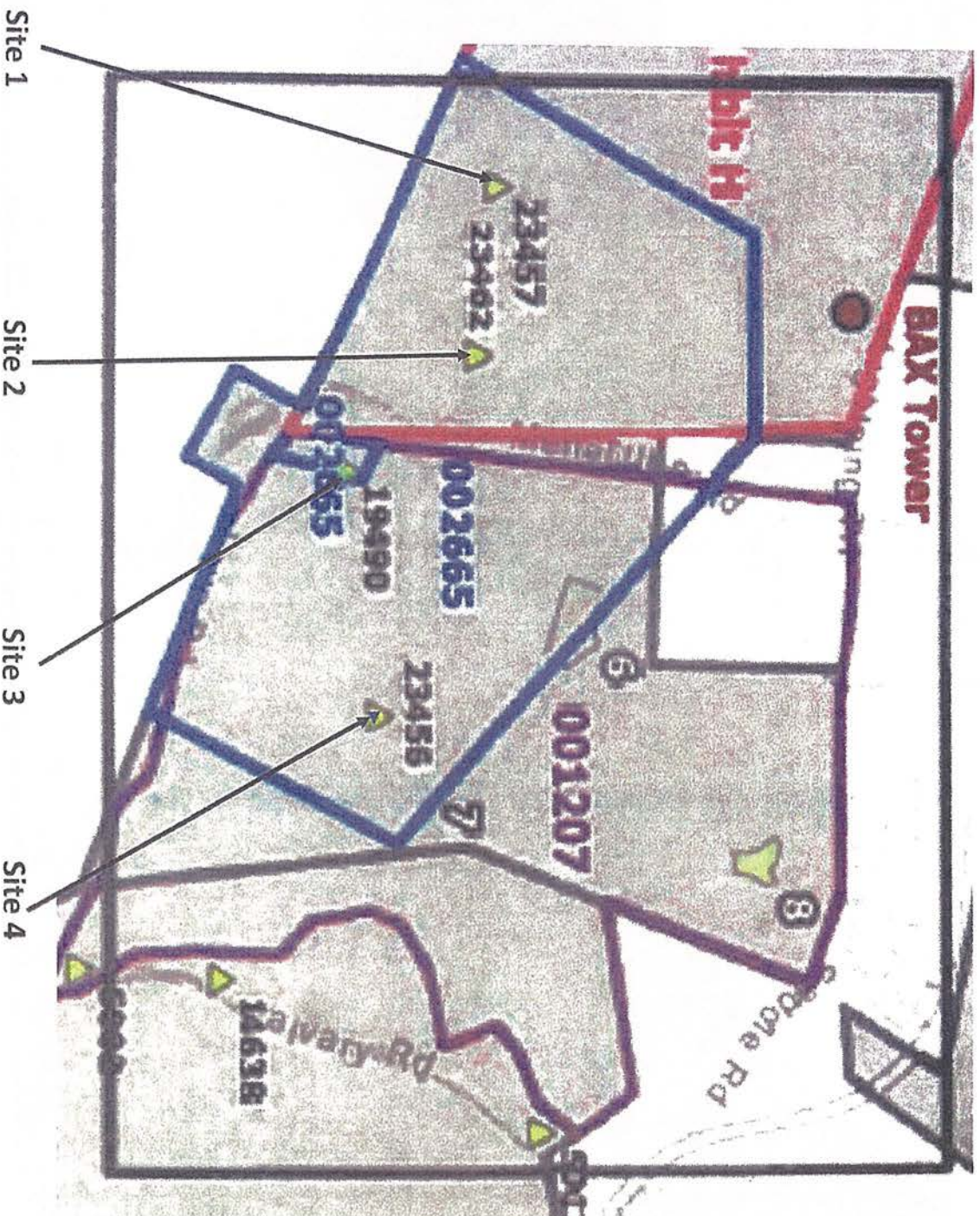




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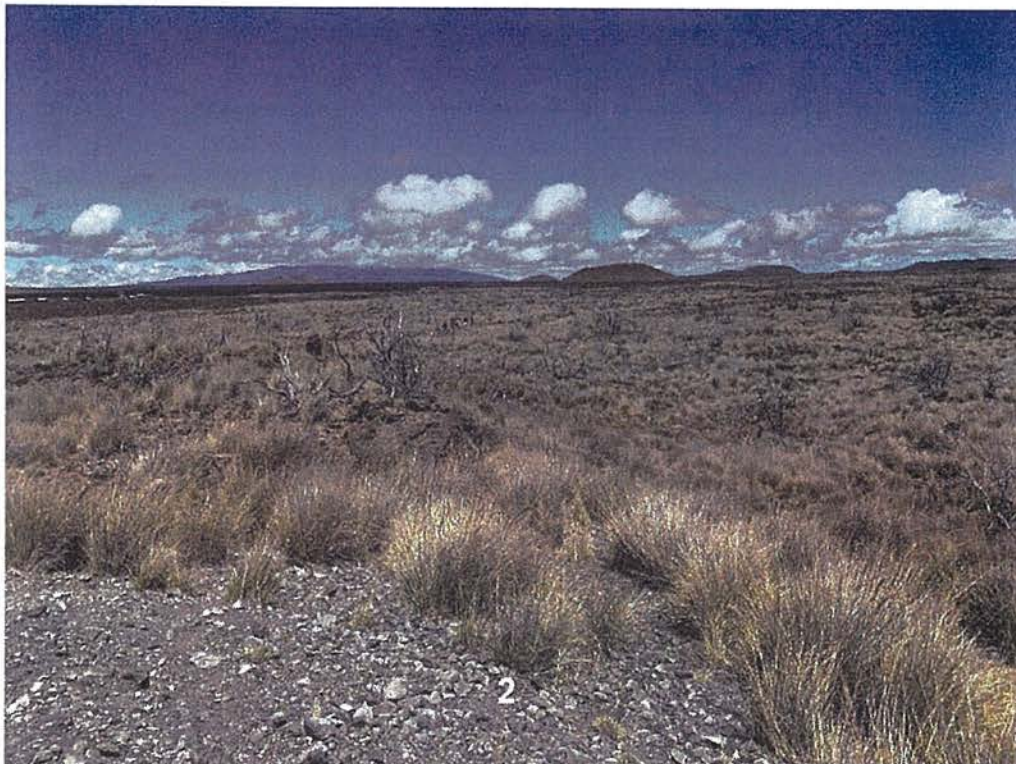






Site #1

Southwest view



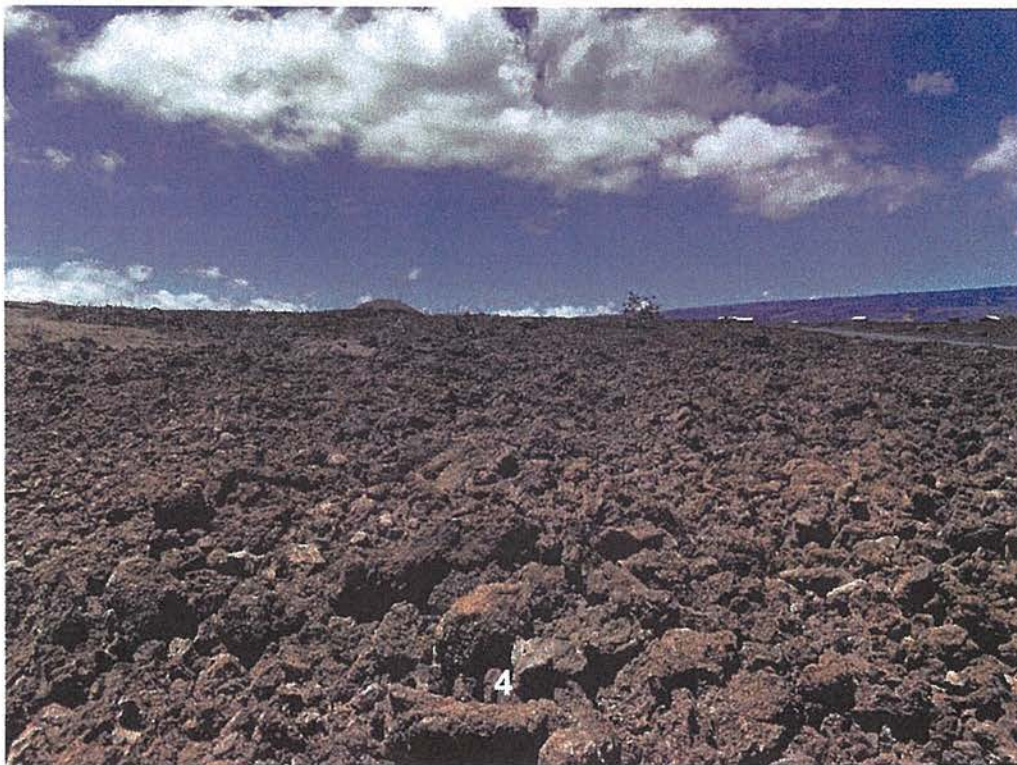
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Northwest view





Site #2 Trail to site



Site #2 Southeast view





Site #3 Trekking over rough terrain



Site #3 Lava tube identified as possible shelter





Site #3 Lava tube identified as possible shelter



Site #3 Lava tube identified as possible shelter





Site #4 Trekking over rough terrain to identified location



Site #4 Identified archeological site





Site #4 Northeast view



Site #4 Identified archeological site