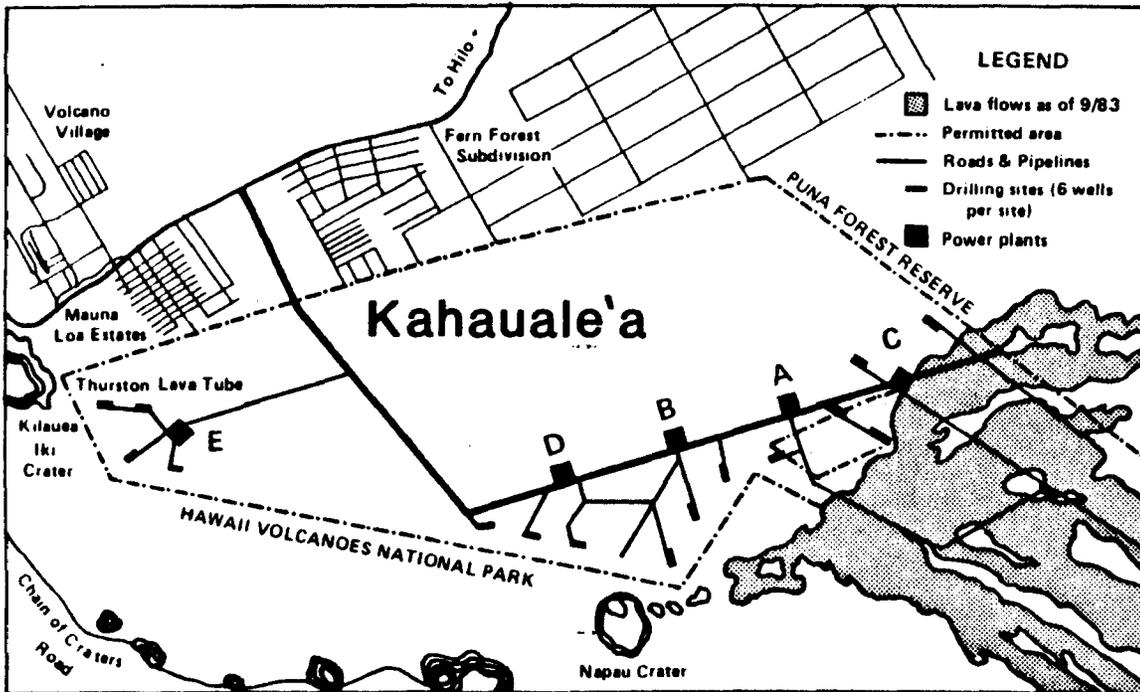


A Point of View on Kahauale'a



This is a map of Kahauale'a, 22,000 acres of prime conservation zoned land on the Big Island. A massive geothermal development project is planned by Campbell Estate and their Wyoming partner for this area, which is one of the few large young native forests in all of Hawaii.

by Kenneth R. Kupchak

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Kahauale'a, a conservation district endemic rain forest and habitat for at least seven endangered or threatened species on the Big Island, is the designated site for five geothermal power plants proposed by the Campbell Estate. They are one of Hawaii's biggest land holding trusts and own Kahauale'a which includes "Tract 22", the Hawaii Volcano National Park's number one acquisition priority.

The Board of Land and Natural Re-

sources granted Campbell the right to explore for the assumed geothermal resource in Kahauale'a. The resulting precedent would permit noxious heavy industrial activities in conservation zones. The decision is being appealed by the Sierra Club, Hawaii Audubon Society, the Volcano Community Association and 26 others. The National Parks and Conservation Association has also intervened to support these efforts.

Kahauale'a, in the District of Puna, shares a 12-mile common border with the Hawaii Volcano National Park, and is located astride the East Rift of Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano. Dan Taylor, Hawaii Volcanos National Park Resource Manager, testified at the BLNR's geothermal hearing that Tract 22 qualifies as a wilderness addition to the Park under federal law.

Acquisition of Tract 22 by the National Park Service would add the unique Hawaiian rain forest to Hawaii Volcanos National Park. Numerous endangered and threatened species could be tended to by the Park and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. But, despite Kilauea's continuous eruption

in the middle of Campbell's proposed well grid since January 1983, and the fact that the proposed project would produce ten times the Big Island's electricity needs, Campbell has failed to respond to any alternative recommendation.

The Sierra Club and other appellants have produced evidence that sufficient and safer geothermal resources exist outside of the conservation zones to satisfy Hawaii's needs. Presently, the geothermal exploration by Thermal Power, has successfully located a produceable geothermal resource in the non-conservation lands of lower Puna. It can satisfy Hawaii's existing geothermal needs safely and efficiently with the resources for anticipated expansion pending an increase in future demand. The higher tax rate in non-conservation lands would enable the county to better cope with the impacts of the projects.

Through the acquisition of Tract 22 by the National Park, Campbell's Trustees will be able to fulfill their obligations to

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the Trust beneficiaries, the issue of James Campbell's daughters. Fair value would be paid to the Trust for the land taken by the Park. Indirectly the word has filtered back that the Trustees cannot publicly or politically proceed along these lines, with no reason given.

Acquisition, without outside help, is extremely difficult without support of Hawaii's senators. This avenue, however, can only be approached with some trepidation as one of Campbell's Trustees has played a prominent fund raising role for one of the senators.

Being a large landed estate, Campbell has more than one iron in the federal fire. Acquisition of Kahauale'a pales in significance when compared to the Trustees' interest in a deep draft harbor on their lands near Barbers Point on O'ahu. The Trustees can hardly be expected to call for assistance for Kahauale'a's acquisition when they may need legislative help for the Harbor and other matters more pressing to them. Therefore, pressure from the inside and outside Hawaii may be necessary to preserve Tract 22. The help of Hawaii's 1000 Friends in this regard would be appreciated.

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The summer months overflowed with milk and honey within the ohana of Hawaii's 1000 Friends. Kindness and generosity of donors and volunteers have enriched all our Friends, as the donations of Betty and Laurie Gordon, Mary Wallace Sanford and Belle Bernatowicz covered the printing and postage of the September newsletter. Not to be outdone, Norm Goldstein, A. Grove Day, and Aaron Levine have done the same for us with the October newsletter.

Arthur and Catherine Harris provided a desk calculator, Marjorie Fairbanks a new membership Rolodex, and Janet E. Wimberly a check record and calculator tapes.

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Thanks to Allyn and Helen Cole we now have our own copy of *A Guide to Charitable Trusts and Foundations*, which should lead the way to expanding our efforts.

Many, many thanks to all these good Friends!

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