Mr. Melvin David L. Kalahiki, Chairperson  
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Dear Mr. Kalahiki:

Amended Exemption List  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
State of Hawaii  

The Environmental Center has reviewed the proposed amendments to the current exemption list of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, with the assistance of John Harrison and Andrew Tomlinson. We have identified one revision to Exemption Class #4.

EXEMPTION CLASS 4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

2. Clearing of fuel breaks on grass, brush and/or forest lands.

Clearing of fuel breaks may have significant impacts to threatened or endangered species which might be present in the area. This action should not be exempted from preparation of an environmental assessment if any endangered or threatened species are found in the area. Therefore, we recommend that the proposed exemption be amended to state, "Clearing of fuel breaks on grass, brush and/or forest lands where a survey has determined that there are no endangered or threatened species."
Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed amended exemption list. We hope our suggestion has been helpful.

Sincerely,

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