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Comments: McCandless Ranch strongly supports SCR 145, Proposed Senate Draft 1/SR 81, Proposed Senate Draft 1 urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to affirm its commitment to making the state the lead in conservation, management and protection of Hawaii's natural resources. The current U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services' Maui Nui Petition seeks to designate 270,000 acres of Maui Nui (Maui, Moloka'i and Lanai) as Critical Habitat. The Hawaii Island Petition is currently considering Critical Habitat for 15 Hawaii Island Species and this is being followed by a petition to list the 'i'iwi as endangered. At this rate, huge swaths of Hawaii will continue to fall under a federal designation, undermining the state's ability to manage its own lands. While the federal government certainly has an important role in conservation here in Hawaii, DLNR must affirm its position of leadership and authority.

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