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Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE

Thursday, February 25, 2016  
1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2528, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII  
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII

House Bill 2528, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate unspecified funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii Island public shooting facility. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that the appropriation that is needed to carry out the actions does not adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget request or any existing Department appropriated funding.**

The Department affirms the need for a public shooting range facility on Hawaii Island. As such, the Department is actively engaged in shooting range development on Hawaii Island and recognizes that increased public outreach and an environmental impact statement are the immediate and necessary steps toward shooting range development on the island.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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**HB2528**

Submitted on: 2/23/2016

Testimony for FIN on Feb 25, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Lodge, Chair	County of Hawaii Game Mngmt Advisory Commission	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission STRONGLY SUPPORTS A PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE ON THE BIG ISLAND and supports this necessary funding to keep this project moving. Mahalo and Much Aloha, Tom Lodge, Chair

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HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM  
ASSOCIATION

February 24, 2016

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We are not opposed to shooting ranges in general, and would support a public shooting range in a different location that is not in such close proximity to the residents and local businesses whose whole livelihood depends on the continued success of the Kohala and Waikoloa Coast community.

We respectfully request that you oppose HB2528 and do not pass this bill.

Thank you very much for your *kokua* and consideration. Aloha,

Mufi Hannemann

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mufi Hannemann".

President & CEO  
Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association



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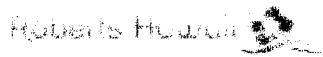
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**OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED  
LOCATION OF THE  
SHOOTING RANGE FACILITY  
AT PUUANAHULU, HAWAII  
BASED ON  
HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

**OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED  
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1. Letter to Governor David Ige signed by a List of Parties Objecting to the Proposed Location at Puuanahulu (“Proposed Location”).
2. Testimony of Coalition of Parties in Opposition to HB2528.
3. Testimony of the Kohala Coast Resort Association in Opposition to HB2528, objecting to the Proposed Location.
4. Testimony of Richard H. Schaefer, as Director of the Waikoloa Resort Association and as a Homeowner and Full-Time Resident at Waikoloa Colony Villas, in opposition to HB2528.
5. Testimony of Mufi Hannemann, President & CEO, Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, in Opposition to HB 2528.
6. Table and Articles Showing Health and Safety Incidences Caused by Human Error and Mistake at Public Shooting Range Facilities in Other Jurisdictions.
7. Information on Sniper Rifles Showing Maximum Effective Range up to 1.136 Miles for One of the Described Sniper Rifles.
8. Rationale for Objection to the Proposed Location.
9. Maps Showing Distances Between Proposed Location at Puuanahulu to Places Frequented by People.



Mauna Lani Resort Association

February 24, 2016

The Honorable David Ige  
Governor, State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Governor Ige,

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to express our strong opposition to HB 2528 and the proposed public shooting range, which is currently being considered at a location in close proximity to the resort, condo and timeshare communities of the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.

On March 19, 2014, we sent a letter to your predecessor, Governor Abercrombie, citing our serious concerns about this shooting range. We explained that visitors to the Big Island come in search of peace and tranquility and to experience a culture like no other in the world. To have this disturbed by sounds of gunshots and the threat of stray bullets would have a profoundly negative impact on the community at large.

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Mahalo,

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February 14, 2016

### **Testimony in Opposition to HB2528**

Members of the Hawaii Legislature:

We are writing to express sincere opposition to HB2528, and the proposed public shooting range, which is currently being considered at a location in close proximity to the resort, condo, timeshare and residential communities of the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.

We have some concerns about specific language contained within this bill. The Kohala Coast Resort Association (KCRA), residential property associations within Mauna Lani and Waikoloa Resorts, and individual residential property owners within our resorts also participated in the shooting range working group. We were active stakeholders and even invited our State Legislative representatives, Senator Lorraine Inouye and Representative Cindy Evans, to join us during the December 2014 sound assessment to determine if gunfire was audible from affiliated KCRA member properties - it was. However, to our knowledge, none of the entities or individuals opposed to the location of the shooting range received copies of that sound assessment at the same time as those entities in favor of the shooting range. This was despite monthly requests for status updates, over a period of nearly a year, to the contractor hired to conduct the shooting range sound assessments. We realize that there was a change in leadership within the DLNR during this time, and that is why we specifically convened a meeting with the new leadership of DLNR in June of 2015 to express our opposition to the location of the shooting range and address our concerns about the outcome of the sound assessment. Unfortunately, despite our repeated attempts, KCRA did not receive a copy of the sound assessment until February 1, 2016, when the contractor at PBR Hawaii finally explained that this project had been turned back over to DLNR, and then provided the name and contact information for the engineer responsible for moving the project forward. That was seven months after the sound assessment date (July 2015). We have since shared the sound assessment with other members of the working group, representing residential associations, private businesses as well as with our local and state government officials for their independent evaluation.

The bill also states that in addition to the three sound assessments during the period between 2012 and 2015 that there were two other public hearings on the bill where there was "unanimous public support" for a shooting range. While that is technically true, please note that both of those public hearings took place prior to the third sound assessment. Many members of the working group and our affiliated properties were waiting to receive the report on that assessment before offering official comments on the results, despite requests by our local media to do so.

But to infer that there has been unanimous public support for the shooting range overall is incorrect. We have in our files copies of letters addressed to the DLNR, PBR Hawaii, and the former Governor, during the period of 2007-2014, detailing our concerns. We have specifically tried to address those comments directly to the appropriate government agencies and their designees. That is why we've attended meetings with our elected officials at both the state and county levels on this issue, and why we've hosted meetings with DLNR leadership on this issue.

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We believe that having this shooting range in such close proximity to a place where many thousands of people come to work, live, and play will have damaging effects on surrounding businesses, future developments, employment opportunities, and the reputation we have worked for more than 50 years to develop along the Kohala Coast.

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We have recently shared with our state representatives and DLNR officials, comments that Commander Jacobson from Pohakuloa Training Area made at a community meeting in Waimea in January 2016, indicating that the Training Area is interested in exploring development of a public shooting range at their property, located on the Daniel K. Inouye Highway, that would be accessible to gun owners from both sides of Hawaii Island. That location is much more ideally situated for this type of development because of minimal residential and commercial use in close proximity.

We urge you not to pass this bill, and ask that you continue to work with the DLNR to select a more appropriate location.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Donoho  
Administrative Director

Patrick Fitzgerald, Hualalai Resort  
Kelley Cosgrove, The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i  
Debi Bishop, Hilton Waikoloa Village  
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Testimony Submittal Date: February 14, 2016

Testifier Name: Richard H. Schaefer

Position and Organization: Director, Waikoloa Resort Association  
Homeowner & Full-time Resident, Waikoloa Colony Villas

House Committees: EEP (House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection)  
WAL (House Committee on Water and Land)  
FIN (House Committee on Finance)

Hearing Date and Time: February 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Measure Number: HB2528

Members of the House Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection, Water & Land, and Finance:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB2528. I do so as a homeowner and full-time resident on the Island of Hawai'i, as a member of the Board of Directors of Waikoloa Resort Association (in which capacity I represent over 1,000 homeowners), and as a member of the Pu'u Anahulu Sound Assessment Working Group (which Working Group was tasked by the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a recommended scope of work for additional sound assessments regarding a proposed shooting facility adjacent to the Pu'u Anahulu landfill in West Hawai'i on the Island of Hawai'i).

HB2528 states that a site for the proposed public shooting range has been selected, which site is adjacent to the Pu'u Anahulu landfill, the same site for which I served on the Sound Assessment Working Group. Regarding this proposed site, I unequivocally render my opinion that a shooting range at this location would have a devastating effect on the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

My opinion is based on: (i) a review conducted by me and an independent acoustical engineer of the three sound assessment reports that have been prepared; (ii) my being able to hear gunshots within the Waikoloa Beach Resort from the proposed Pu'u Anahulu site during the most recent sound assessment; and (iii) my educational and professional background as an economist and statistician. Further support for my opinion is summarized as follows:

- (i) Upon reviewing the first two sound assessment reports, myself, other members of the Pu'uAnahulu Sound Assessment Working Group, and an independent acoustical engineer identified a number of flaws in the assessments. Unfortunately the third sound assessment report, dated July 2015, still had numerous flaws which biased the study toward minimizing the impact of the sound of gunfire on surrounding communities. However, even with these flaws, the July 2015 "*Sound Modeling and Prediction Report, Hawai'i Public Shooting Range at Pu'uAnahulu*" (the "Report") states "The sound prediction results show that sounds from the shotgun will be audible in the Waikoloa Resort Area ...". The Report further states "The sound level predictions for the shotgun indicate that the sound levels observed at the Waikoloa Resort may exceed 60 dBA ...". This sound level is an important benchmark since, according to the Report, *Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Title 11 – Department of Health, Chapter 46 – Community Noise Control* state that the maximum permissible noise level for a Class B zone district is 60 dBA. (A Class B zone district is multi-family dwellings, apartment,

business, commercial, hotel, resort, or similar). If the shooting range is located at the proposed site, awareness of such health and welfare issues will quickly become a significant economic issue for the Island of Hawai'i.

- (ii) During the sound assessment summarized in the July 2015 Report, myself and others positioned ourselves within the Waikoloa Resort Association. We were able to clearly hear both shotgun and rifle gunfire within the Resort. Whether above or below the aforementioned 60 dBA health criteria, audible gunfire is not what residents or guests at a Resort in Hawai'i will find acceptable, and this too will quickly translate into a significant economic issue for the Island of Hawai'i.
  
- (iii) The July 2015 Report only addresses the health and welfare effects of gunfire sounds on Waikoloa Beach Resort residents, guests, and employees. It does not address the economic impact. The proposed site is located within just 1 to 2.5 miles of all of the developments within Waikoloa Beach Resort, which is comprised of over 1,000 private residences, the Hilton Waikoloa Village, the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, three Hilton Grand Vacations properties, and over 185,000 square feet of retail space at the Queens' Marketplace and the Kings' Shops. Locating a shooting range within such close proximity to the economic engine of the West Coast of the Island of Hawai'i would be a serious mistake, with long-lasting adverse effects on the economy of the Island of Hawai'i. For example:
  - a. Think of the adverse effect on the occupancy of the Hilton and Marriott hotels at Waikoloa Beach Resort when they are competing with other venues for tourist and convention business, when it is disclosed that gunfire can be heard at their hotels. In addition to adverse health and welfare effects, audible gunshots are not what guests expect or will find acceptable when staying at a resort in Hawai'i. Even low-level gunfire sounds are recognizable to most people, and typically lead to a conscious or subconscious fear reaction;
  - b. Think of the adverse effect on residential property values within the Resort when it is disclosed that gunfire can be heard on the lanais of residences, with the commensurate health and safety concerns;
  - c. Think of the adverse economic impact on the hotels, timeshares, retailers, and homeowners within the Resort if a stray bullet were to injure or kill someone; and
  - d. Think of the effect of the above-noted adverse economic impacts on the thousands of workers whose livelihoods depend on the Waikoloa Beach Resort economy.

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB2528 and to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to identify a location for a shooting range on the Island of Hawai'i which will not so significantly adversely affect the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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<b>Health and Safety Incidences at Public Shooting Range Facilities in Other Jurisdictions</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reference</b>			
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Rowlett, TX	2010	Attachment 4			A man is shot while in his back yard which is approximately 1 mile from the shooting range.
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Delafield, WI	2010	Attachment 3			A pregnant woman dining in a restaurant located near a gun club is hit by a stray bullet.
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Williamson County, IL	2/19/2014	Attachment 7			A woman is struck in the face by a stray bullet believed to have come from a nearby gun range.
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Bush Prairie, WA	2/4/2015	Attachment 12			A woman is grazed in the head by a bullet while gardening in her yard which is located near a gun range. A metal detector search of her yard yields more than a pound of bullets.
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Phoenix, AZ	2/24/2015	Attachment 13			A hiker is struck by a stray bullet while hiking in South Mountain Park. Police believe the bullet came from a shooting range located at a private gun club at the base of the mountain.
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Miami, FL	9/8/2015	Attachment 14			A man driving a tractor in a field located near a gun range is grazed by a bullet.
Person Shot By Bullet Resulting In Serious Injury	Turlock, CA	11/30/2015	Attachment 15			A 15-year-old girl is shot in the back while working at a walnut orchard located across a river and near a gun range.
Property Damage	Carroll County, GA	6/25/2013	Attachment 1			A couple claims 27 bullets from a nearby gun range have hit their home over a 10-year period.



Property Damage	Rowlett, TX	1/27/2012	Attachment 2	A bullet enters a child's bedroom which is approximately 2 miles from a shooting range.
Property Damage	Austin, TX	1/12/2014	Attachment 5	A gun range, closed because of zoning and safety issues, reopens in defiance of local officials' orders.
Property Damage	San Antonio, TX	12/9/2010	Attachment 6	A couple files a lawsuit against a shooting range over damage to their property caused by stray bullets.
Property Damage	Gloucester Township, NJ	5/17/2011	Attachment 8	Bullets are found lodged in homes located near a shooting range.
Property Damage	West Liberty, IA	9/13/2013	Attachment 9	A stray bullet from a nearby gun range lands in a home.
Property Damage	Fuquay-Varina, NC	1/17/2012	Attachment 10	Neighbors are on edge over stray bullets near shooting range.
Property Damage	Honolulu, HI	October & December 2013	Attachment 11	Incidents of stray bullets in Hawaii Kai.
Property Damage	Bartholomew County, IN	1/24/2015	Attachment 16	A stray bullet from a makeshift firing range hits traveling car.
Property Damage	Chesterfield County, SC	2/6/2015	Attachment 17	A house located near a shooting range sustains damage from bullets.

				Residents believe bullets that have hit their homes and landed in their yards are from a nearby gun club.  The Country District Attorney opens an investigation on the origin of the stray bullets.
Property Damage	Stockertown, PA	4/27/2015, 9/9/2015, 9/23/2015	Attachment 18	Gun club closes its shooting range two weeks after the County District Attorney opened his investigation.
Property Damage	Mantorville, MN	6/29/2015	Attachment 19	Six bullets from a .223 caliber rifle are found inside and outside a home. Authorities say bullets appear to have come from a nearby shooting range.
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**CARROLL COUNTY, Ga.** — A Carroll County jury awarded a couple \$175,000 after they claimed that dozens of bullets from a neighboring gun range riddled their home over a 10-year period.

Kenneth and Carol Caldwell filed suit against Advanced Bullets Gun Range on Spruill Bridge Road in October 2011. They claim that shooters on the range missed their targets, and the bullets hit their home directly next door.

"Living in fear is what it feels like," said Kenneth Caldwell. "Scared all the time, afraid to go out into your yard and do anything. Don't know what bullet has your name on it."

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The Caldwells said they tried to talk with the owners of the gun range about the problem, but the bullets kept coming. They counted four bullet holes in their bedroom, two in their living room and many more in other parts of the house. In all, they claim their home was hit 27 times by stray bullets over that 10-year period.

"I actually got to know the sounds of which bullet was going to hit," said Carol Caldwell. "Every day I came home, I was scared to walk up the walkway, scared a bullet was going to hit me."

After they said they couldn't get the bullets to stop, they contacted attorney Desiree Duke and filed the lawsuit.

"I was enraged," said Duke. "I just couldn't believe that a business or even just neighbors would let this kind of thing happen."

Channel 2's Richard Elliot contacted the gun range's attorney, Christopher Teasley, but he said they had no comment.

As part of the verdict, the judge ordered the range temporarily closed until the National Rifle Association can complete a safety review and make recommendations to the court.

The Caldwells felt safe enough that for the first time in years, they invited their grandchildren to come swim in their above-ground pool.

Even so, they don't think they're going to stay there much longer.

"I'm going to take some of the money, and we're going to pay off this place," said Carol Caldwell. "The rest of the money? We're getting out of here."



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Stray bullets, possibly from a nearby gun range, have hit multiple homes in Rowlett.

Rowlett is moving to shut down a Garland shooting range after three incidents of stray bullets in a Rowlett neighborhood in more than two years.

The city and a Rowlett family filed for an injunction that could close Garland Public Shooting Range, which is about 2 miles away from the neighborhood.

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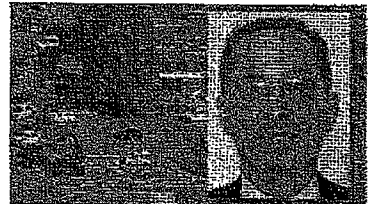
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Rowlett police had two separate calls of bullets hitting a home on Duchess Way and a home on Fair Oak Drive on Jan. 16.

David and Janine Bowman said a bullet pierced their 5-year-old son's room at about 7:30 p.m.

"It's just a parent's worst nightmare," she said. "The idea of a child getting hurt or killed, especially in a house -- it shouldn't happen in a house."

Police said the bullets were from a high powered rifle that could have traveled a distance.

"It's just scary," Bowman said. "Had they been playing in here, they would have been in the path of the bullet, and who knows what would have happened."

In 2010, a stray bullet hit and injured a man who lives on Duchess Way.

"It is a safety issue," David Bowman said. "One person has been hit. Who knows how many of the bullets have come down and hit roofs that people didn't even know about? There's just no telling."

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the 95th District Court at the George Allen Courthouse on Feb. 7.

"We'd like to be able to let the kids play in the backyard again without worrying about something happening that shouldn't be happening," Janine Bowman said.

"Ultimately, we want the bullets to stop hitting houses," David Bowman said. "If it's coming from the range, we want to see the necessary safety precautions put in place."

Garland Public Shooting Range said it couldn't comment on the matter because of the ongoing investigation.

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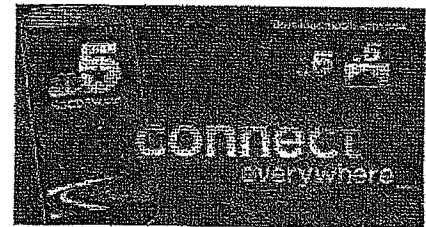
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Robert Flemming, who wants the gun club to remain closed, is one of the owners of the Delafield Brewhouse where the woman was dining when she was shot three years ago. "Management cannot guarantee that it would provide a 100 percent safe harbor from any further gunshots," he said at a Wednesday meeting about the club.

Several neighbors of the Hartland Sportsman Club also spoke out

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against its reopening, including ARCO Manufacturing owner John Barker. His employees eat meals outside. He invited sportsman club members to eat there.

"Come over and have a meal on me, right on that patio. I advise you to do it all the time when the guys are shooting at the range. And you tell me how safe you feel knowing that 209 yards away, you're firing shotguns over and over and over again," he said.

Those in favor of the club reopening include Boy Scouts and their leaders, who use the facility for gun education. "It would help our community because hunters, as it is a big thing here in Wisconsin, deer season, is a good and safe place to help sign in our rifles," said Matthew Schultz, a Boy Scout.

A scout leader said safety was always paramount for everyone at the club.

One of the neighbors who spoke out against the club is a hunting-safety instructor. He used guidelines from the National Rifle Association to argue the range is simply too close to homes and businesses.

Lawyers for the gun club argue new bullet-catchers and other safety features would be installed.

A vote on the issue will be taken at a future date, city officials said.



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It would be interesting to find out who was there first. Was the gun club there first when the place was just open fields and everyone else; family housing, businesses, etc. moved there later knowing full well that the gun club was already there? now they don't want it open again. That's the same as city people moving to the country and complaining that the farm that they built their house next door to smells too much!!

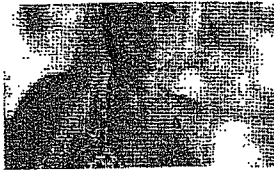
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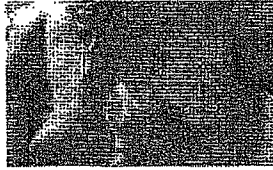
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On the eve of two lawsuits originating from bullets that hit a residential area, a court-ordered independent report outlines safety concerns at the Garland Public Shooting Range.

While citing the effectiveness of the range's safety officers, posted rules and mandatory video, the report by Herbert Chambers of Chambers Firearms Consulting also confirms conditions cited by neighbors and the city of Rowlett in their cases against the range and its owner.

The case of homeowner Michael Domin, hit by a bullet in 2010 while working on a backhoe in his yard, is due in court April 15.

The independent report was ordered for a separate case that starts the following week. The city is the plaintiff in that case, joined by residents in a home two blocks from Domin's that was hit in January 2012.

"The main High-Velocity Rifle Range faces directly towards and is well within the shooting and possible projectile ricochet distance of a populated residential area, a well-traveled cross street and other down-range populated areas," the report said.

The report recommended more advances and restrictive shooting range safety measures to keep bullets from going beyond the gun range property.

Range owner and co-defendant James Day does not admit that any of the bullets have come from his property but has acknowledged the responsibility of operating the once rural range he established more than 40 years ago as neighborhoods have come to surrounding portions of northeast Dallas County.

"I have made every effort and done my very best to alleviate the concerns of the property owners down-range, and I have done so at great expense," Day said in written response to the report. "I remain willing to continue making improvements to address their concerns."

Rowlett City Attorney David Berman credited the city's lawsuit for better protecting the downrange homes. There are temporary limits on long-range ammunition until the case is settled. Dirt berms have been raised to 20 feet, and the rifle range shooting angle has been changed.

Berman said the city's goal is to make the range safe for Rowlett residents. The city's position all along has been to rely on expert reports and that the plaintiffs will respect Judge Ken Molberg's April 22 decision.

"As it stands right now it's a whole lot safer than a year or two years ago," Berman said. "We've come a great distance, and I think we're getting very, very close to the end."

The report cites lights on the rifle range that are protected by cement bags that could cause ricochets and had marks from being hit. Day said those have since been removed.

The report is inclusive of all facets of the Garland Public Shooting Range, but because the city limits are across a landfill and more

than a mile away, Rowlett has never been concerned with the pistol and shotgun activities.

Changes are also coming because of the county's rebuilding of Pleasant Valley Road, a project that started last month and will take about a year.

The road project will force the range to move to an entrance off neighboring Miles Road. Plans are for shooting to then be repositioned to align more down the floodplain of Rowlett Creek. Day refers to that as Phase II and said it will include side berms that were also recommended in the report.

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So in what way has the owner not been trying to make the range safe? If someone comes up with a way to make it safer, he seems willing to do it.

A range can be designed so that it is impossible for bullets to escape the property if the shooters obey the rules. However, it's impossible to guarantee that a shooter at a range will obey the rules in the same way it's impossible to guarantee that a pilot at an airport will obey safe flying rules.

There are inherent problems with safety if you choose to live next to an airport or a shooting range. If you move there, you have voluntarily accepted the risk.

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The Garland gun range was in place and operating LONG before any of the downrange neighborhoods were built. Why are they not responsible for building down range then trying to shut down the gun range? It has never been proven that the shots came from the range. There is a landfill directly downrange where many people go to shoot guns illegally (for free). So Bart, we have very few places to shoot safely. Why do idiots like you buy houses downrange from a rifle shooting range???

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Gun range near Creedmoor reopens despite order

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A new gun range south of Austin has reopened in defiance of local officials' orders — a dispute that could spark a Second Amendment legal battle, according to a published report Saturday.

The Shooting Range opened Dec. 26 on the outskirts of Creedmoor in southern Travis County, and patrons celebrated by firing more than 10,000 rounds of ammunition from machine guns, rifles and handguns.

That, and shooting in subsequent days, sparked complaints from neighbors, and the Austin American Statesman reports (http://bit.ly/1h8tKm7) city officials said the range was violating zoning rules. They ordered it closed after just three days, and owners complied.

But on Friday, owners reopened the range, saying local officials had overstepped their authority.

"We only recognize the authority of the state of Texas," James Stinson, a co-owner of The Shooting Range, told the newspaper.

Stinson said the business believed it originally had the support of local officials. It features six ranges, including one where shooters can hit explosive targets near junked cars. At least three cars have been burned there since the range opened, according to the business's website.

On Dec. 29, Creedmoor's city administrator notified owners they would have to close because of violations of the property's agricultural/residential zoning. City Administrator Richard Crandal said neighbors complained of safety issues.

Some said there was so much gunfire that it sounded like a war zone and that they even took cover. One nearby resident called the sheriff's office when the range first opened. A spokesman with the Travis County Sheriff's Office said a deputy responding to the call found nothing illegal.

Meanwhile, John Gray, who lives and operates a contracting business adjacent to the range, said stray bullets have struck buildings on his property since the range opened.

Gray's sister, Mary Tristan, said gunfire is not uncommon for the area but the day the range reopened relatives hunting doves behind her property could hear bullets whizzing near their heads.

The Shooting Ranch sits about three-fourths of a mile from Tristan's and Gray's properties.

Creedmoor annexed the land encompassing the Shooting Range about seven years ago. Stinson said he doesn't have to adhere to the agricultural/residential zoning rules, though, since another gun range operated on the land for more than a decade — grandfathering the property's use for that purpose.

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Gray disputes the claim about a previously existing gun range on the land. Crandal, the city administrator, said of Stinson: "He is framing it as Second Amendment rights; we are just enforcing our zoning ordinances."

He refused to comment further, however, since Stinson has threatened to sue the city.

Stinson said he has hired an attorney with connections to the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association. Gray also has retained an attorney.

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The lawsuit filed by Thomas and Lynn Wilson against the Bracken Rifle and Pistol Range in Comal County District Court alleges that the shooting range has been negligent in controlling stray bullets from inflicting damage on their home and, possibly, harming them and their children.

According to the lawsuit, the Wilsons "have suffered damage to their property, fear and apprehension, and mental anguish" because of the gun range's alleged negligence.

The Wilsons live in the Wild Wind subdivision off FM 2252, behind the shooting range. The lawsuit contends that the couple has reported finding several stray bullets on their property, which they allege are coming from range — one which damaged a window. Several bullets were lodged in shingles on their roof in the back of the house, which faces the shooting range.

David Harris, the Wilsons' attorney, said the couple is seeking damages in the suit, filed Nov. 1, and seek a temporary injunction against the shooting range from allowing anyone to discharge any firearms in an area north or east of the range towards the Wild Wind subdivision.

"Ultimately there has to be some sort of assurance that no one in the subdivision will be accidentally shot," Harris said.

In the last two years, the Garden Ridge Police Department has confirmed 11 reports concerning stray bullets fired into the subdivision. Acting Police Chief Donna O'Conner, who conducted the investigation, said it has been difficult to investigate the source of the stray bullets because investigators have no evidence who fired them, the time they were fired, and if someone was intentionally targeting a person or structure.

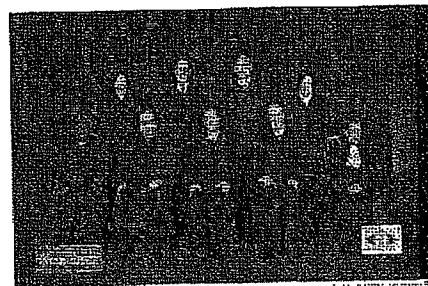
"There is no evidence of intentional criminal activity," O'Conner said. "While they could be coming from the range, there could be other areas they are coming from, too."

In mid-October, the Bracken range installed a baffle system structure, a wall constructed on top of a berm behind the pistol range, to prevent the probability of bullets leaving the shooting range and straying into the subdivision. The baffle wall, which is higher than the pistol range, was designed to close any open space that would allow any stray bullets to leave the shooting range.

The range put in the baffle system structure upon the recommendation of the Comal County Sheriff's Office, which conducted its own investigation into the stray bullets.

O'Conner said since the baffle wall was installed, police have not received any reports of stray bullets coming into the subdivision.

Because of the lawsuit owners of the Bracken Rifle and Pistol Range had no comment.



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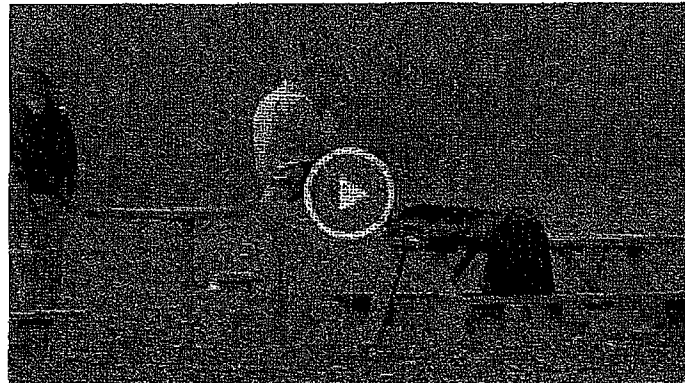
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY-- A Marion woman is out of the hospital after being accidentally shot Wednesday afternoon.

Authorities think the victim was hit by a bullet fired at Tombstone gun range off Skyline Drive; she was half a mile away at the time.

Signs line the property of Tombstone Gun Range warning about the dangers of entering the shooting area, but investigators believe a bullet strayed off the Marion property and hit someone down the road.

"I can't say for sure the round came from here, but people were shooting here and the round ended up over there," explained Sheriff Bennie Vick.

Vick said three people were using the area designated for rifles, just before 1:45 p.m. He said those guns are capable of firing the bullet that ended up at a nearby union training facility.

"223's a high-velocity round, lightweight. And when they bounce they can travel half a mile pretty easily," he added.

A female apprentice was hit in the face and taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The incident has the victim and her coworkers questioning safety.

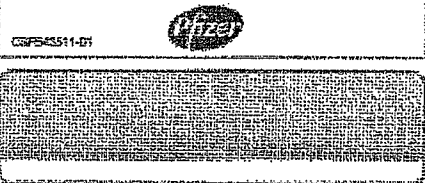
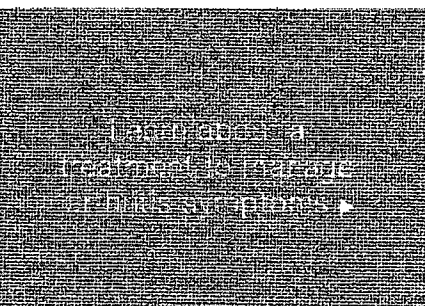
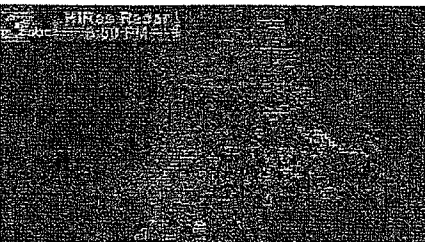
"I was speaking with some of them, and they're concerned about people still using the rifles and shooting in that direction," Vick shared.

Tombstone Co-owner Dave Kemp takes concerns like those seriously.

"Ultimately you can do everything humanly possible to prevent that and sometimes things happen," admitted Kemp.

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He said the range is looking into whether anything could have been done to prevent the accident.

"We're trying to figure out if it was a design feature, or something completely external," Kemp explained.

Vick said charges likely won't be filed, since the shooting appears to be unintentional.

"They're at a firearms range, you know, shooting weapons that the ranges are designed for," said Vick.

For the time being, owners have voluntarily shut down the rifle area.

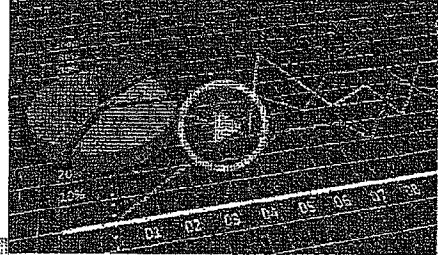
"If that makes people feel better at the moment, we definitely want to cooperate with that," Kemp told News 3.

Deputies will return to the union training facility with metal detectors Thursday, in hopes of finding the bullet.



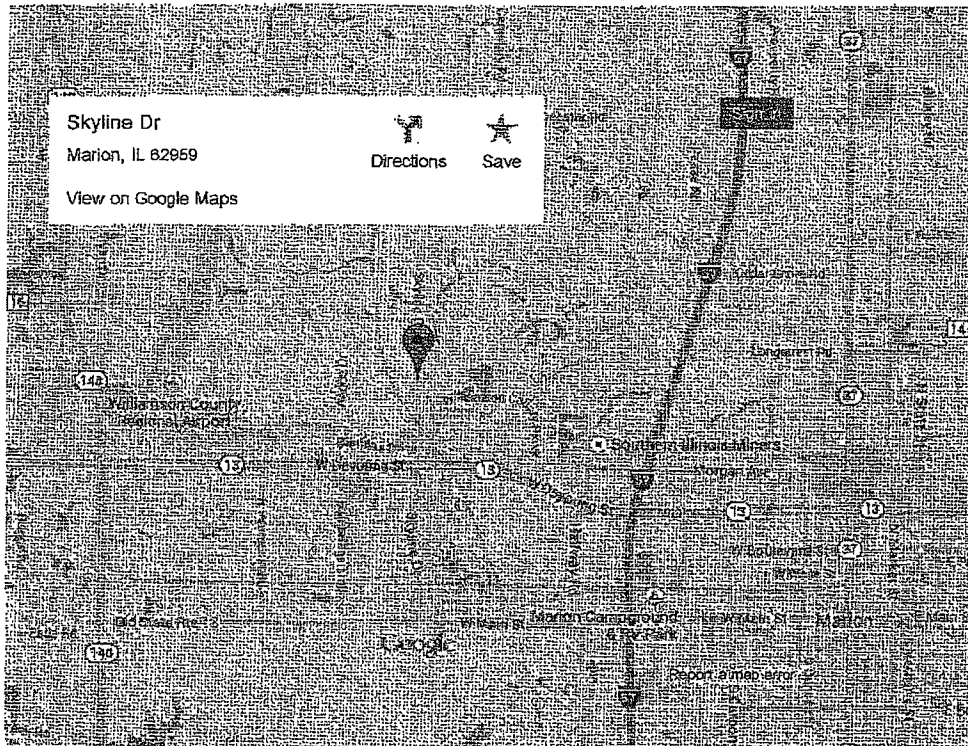
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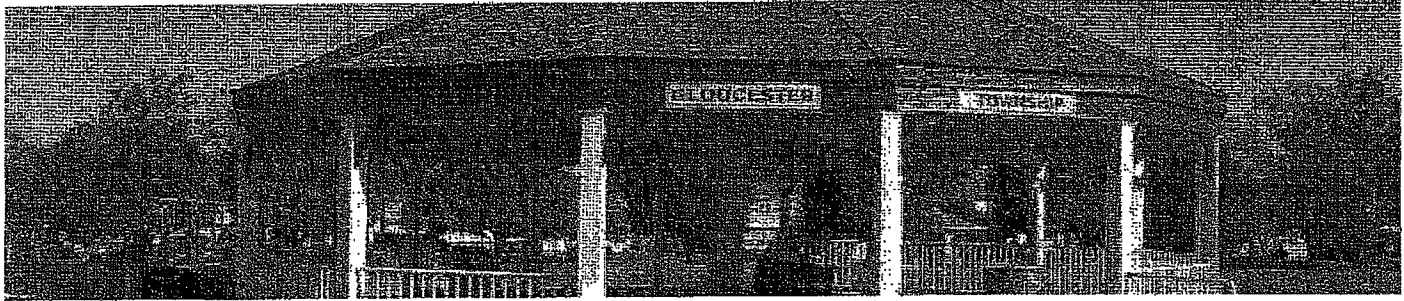
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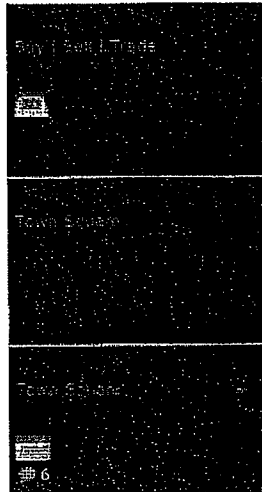


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It appears the bullet—as well as another apparent bullet still lodged in a neighboring home as of Monday afternoon—was fired some time ago, but no one can say for sure at this point in the investigation.

The Monticello Drive home is located nearby a controversial firing range that has its neighbors crying foul over what they claim to be unbearable volume coming from the gun club's target range.

Police were called to the home on the 100 block of Monticello Drive at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Police pulled the bullet from the front of the home's second story after a Blackwood Fire Co. ladder truck was summoned to assist investigating officers.

It remains unclear where the bullet came from or when it was fired.

"We're trying to figure it out," Gloucester Township Police Deputy Chief David Harkins said on Monday.

The homeowner told police a window contractor discovered the bullet hole at least a week earlier, Harkins noted.

The Iron Horse Rifle and Pistol Club range was shut down for a time after the club was ordered to change the direction for its targets four or five years ago after a bullet struck another Monticello Drive home, according to neighbors.

Monticello Drive resident Jim Weightman told Patch he believes the bullet removed from the home located just across the street from his own on Sunday was probably fired several years ago, before the club was ordered to move its targets.

That probability doesn't offer Weightman or his neighbors much comfort, though.

"The point is if they were missing their targets then, they're missing their targets now," he said, noting the targets now have shooters firing their weapons toward Freeway Golf Club and Timber Creek Regional High School properties.

Weightman reported that he and a second neighbor recently found what they believe to be another bullet in the siding at the neighbor's home—this one at waist level, near its rear, sliding-glass door.

"We're still picking slugs out of our homes," a clearly agitated

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Weightman said.

The recent discovery of the bullet was reported to police a little more than 24 hours before residents of the 55-and-over development Four Seasons at Forest Meadows sat down to discuss the noise issue with Iron Horse officers and the land's long-time owner, Watson Waddell, in a meeting arranged by Mayor David Mayer.

One Forest Meadows resident described the noise she hears from the shooting range this way: "It sounds like cannons."

The club has called the Waddell family property off Garwood Road its home since 1959—long before Forest Meadows was built.

After several residents complained about the noise coming from the Iron Horse shooting range at a Township Council meeting last month, Police Chief W. Harry Earle reported that police checked out the property and found that it met all safety standards.

Waddell declined to comment on the noise issue.



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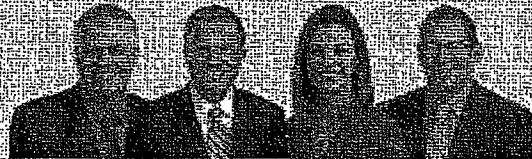


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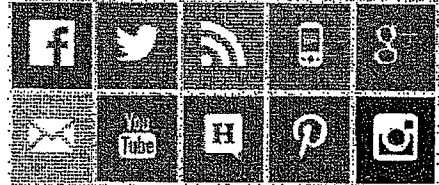
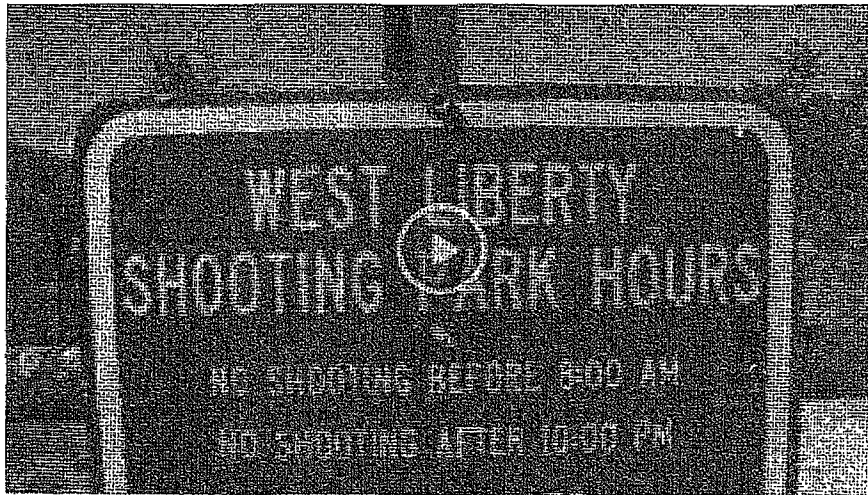
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# Stray Bullet Leads to Safety Improvements at West Liberty Gun Range

By Forrest Saunders, Reporter



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WEST LIBERTY, Iowa - A stray bullet has caused a West Liberty gun range to beef up its safety measures. That's because the bullet hit a nearby home.

The incident happened August 4th. The West Liberty Gun Club was hosting a pistol match at their ranges just to the west of town.

Police think someone fired a stray 9mm bullet from one of the Gun Club's north facing ranges. It traveled over the earthen berms, sailed about a third of a mile, and then broke through the window of a home on North Elm.

"It had landed on a bookshelf near the front of the home," said Chief of Police Lawrence McNaul.

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Chief McNaul said it's one of the stranger things he's seen, even after 22 years of law enforcement.

"I've done a lot of competition shooting myself, in my earlier years. It's truly an accident," said McNaul.

Nobody was hurt and police aren't seeking charges. But it was still too close of call for the president of the West Liberty Gun Club, David Kelzenberg. He said this is the first time a bullet has escaped one of their ranges in the about 40 years they've been there.

"We're very concerned about this incident and very regretful that it happened," said Kelzenberg.

Kelzenberg has halted practical shooting matches, in which people rapidly fire at a target, at all of the north facing ranges until safety improvements can be made. For the most part that means building the berms on the north ranges taller with dirt or a wall, plus making safety briefings before matches more in-depth.

"We really do not want to see a recurrence of this incident ever again," said Kelzenberg. "We are doing as much as we possibly can to prevent that from happening."

No timetable has been set for making the changes. Officials are still investigating their options, but said they want to get things back to normal as soon as possible.

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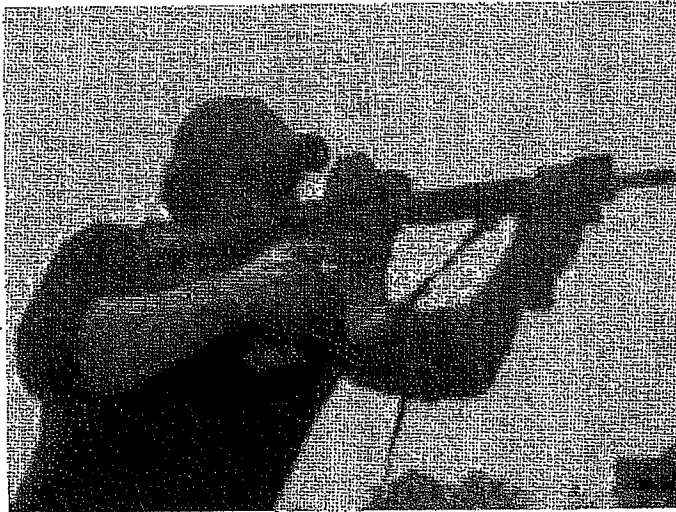
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# Neighbors on edge over stray bullets near Harnett shooting range

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**FUQUAY-VARINA, N.C.** — Harnett County Sheriff Larry Rollins met with more than 100 community members Tuesday who are fired up with concerns about a farm and shooting range in the area.

Drake Landing is a family-owned farm in Fuquay-Varina that neighbors say brings noise and gunfire too close to home. The shooting range, which is about three-quarters of a mile from the road, falls under the umbrella of "agritourism," which means it's exempt from county zoning laws.

In the past year, Rollins said his office has handled five cases of stray bullets hitting homes or cars in the area

surrounding the shooting range. It was determined later, however, that one of those bullets did not come from Drake Landing.

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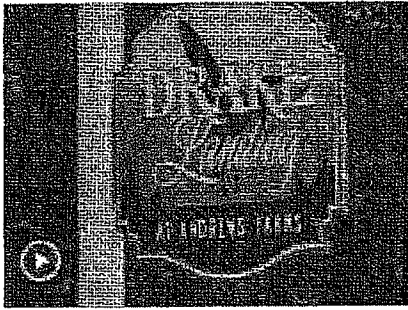
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Investigators are still looking into the other four cases of bullets found, Rollins said; but unless they can prove the shootings weren't accidental, this hands are tied. If residents decided to file a lawsuit, they could take up the issue in civil court.

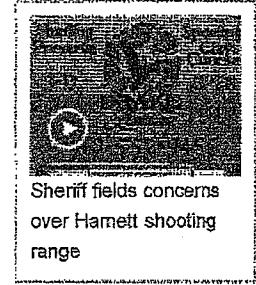
Still, neighbors say they want the sheriff's office to do more to keep their community safe.

"I just don't like that they are waiting for somebody to get hurt before they do anything about it," said Jesse Adam.

In 2010, the range sparked controversy when it planned a three-day semi-automatic weapons course over Memorial Day weekend. Organizers wound up moving that event to another location, in part because of public outcry.

Rollins urged neighbors not to jump to conclusions about where stray bullets might be coming from and some people spoke out in defense of Drake Landing.

"I've lived less than a mile from there for 10 years and have never felt unsafe," said Ben Elam. "I've never been bothered by any noise there."



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County Commissioner Dan Andrews owns Drake Landing. He attended Tuesday's meeting, but declined to comment.

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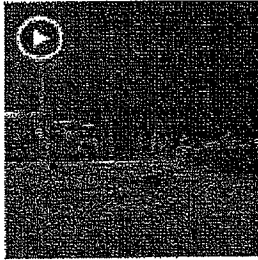
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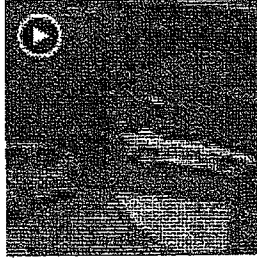
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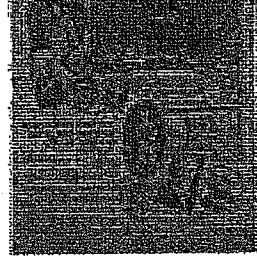
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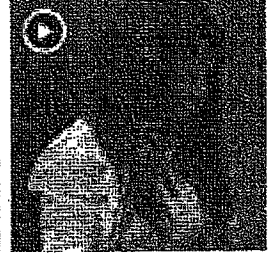
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## Straying Bullets: Rifle Range Still A Suspect

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When a bullet breaks through a kitchen window, it's reasonable to ask where it came from and how it got there. When it happens in Hawaii Kai, heads often turn toward Koko Head Shooting Complex (KHSC), the only public shooting range on Oahu.

There's no direct evidence that links KHSC to any stray bullet incidents, but Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board chairman Greg Knudsen has been hearing about stray bullets for 30 years. "Realistically, given the source of the firing of thousands of bullets at the range, we have to consider (KHSC) a strong possibility," he said.

Part of Koko Head District Park, the shooting complex is operated by the city Department of Parks and Recreation. After two stray bullet incidents near Queen's Gate and Koko Kai Place in October 2013, KHSC restricted rifle shooting to 100-yard targets. Further incidents in December resulted in the Dec. 6 closure of the entire rifle range until \$94,000 safety measures could be implemented.

"We had to address the probable ricocheting of bullets - it's not really proven, but to be on the safe side, we wanted to just go ahead and do some remediation anyway," said Todd Hiranaga, District I manager for city parks.

The entire complex was closed between Jan. 13 and 29. Among the changes: a rebuilt backstop which rests behind the 100-yard targets and an "eyebrow" above the shooting line that halts accidental discharges.

City officials and Hawaii Rifle Association members came to the Jan. 28 neighborhood board meeting to assure the community that the facility was once again safe. But Knudsen claims that this wasn't the case. Curious about KHSC's progress, he took a walk in late January to a hill between the range and Hanauma Bay. While there, he caught a glimpse of something he thought had been gone for months - metal targets at 440 yards. He claims he was told as far back as Dec. 7, 2013, that these had been removed.

"They are visible to the naked eye - if you know what you're looking for. ... If you're looking through a rifle scope, and if you know they're there because that used to be your favorite target ... They had to know that those targets were still there."

Hiranaga stated that metal targets have been removed as of Feb. 24, thanks to a group of weekend

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volunteers. "The problem with that was they're lodged in undeveloped places, way back by the mountains ...

They removed all the illegal targets, any kind, and these are just metal targets put out there by whoever's shooting them ... I know some people were a little upset because we couldn't get them right away. But you know, it's not like you can just walk there ... and just take them out."

But Knudsen, who emailed various city departments documenting safety issues, claims he went out to the range himself on Feb. 21 after closing hours to remove the targets - one day before the city's crew.

He further believes that other improvements made are still not enough to address safety concerns. A proper eyebrow, he said, means "no blue sky"; a shooter shouldn't be able to see sky above or in front from where he aims. The one installed doesn't meet this requirement, he claims, and the berm behind the 100-yard targets should have been raised further.

Hiranaga said remediation is an ongoing process. "Our first concern was safety, so we wanted to get in there. ... They're still monitoring what we did. ... I don't know if we satisfied everybody's concerns, but so far everyone's reviews we got in the monitoring seems to be OK. So we'll keep monitoring from here on. We're not saying, 'We're done, that's it' - no." He also affirmed that the city hopes these emergency repairs are the beginning of an improved facility.

But Knudsen is disappointed in the city's handling of the concerns. "(The city is) well-aware now that we're wanting more professional-level, national standards kind of safety improvements. It's been allowed to deteriorate both physically and with regard to safety, and it just needs some major attention. It needs higher priority, and it needs funding."

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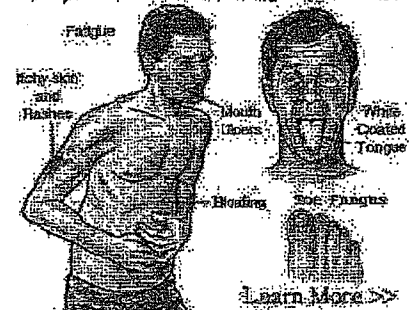


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## Woman shot in head finds 1lb of stray bullets in yard from nearby gun range

Family of injured 65-year-old Washington state woman thinks nearby rifle club is to blame, but owners say they "know about no rounds that left the range"

Associated Press in Bush Prairie, Washington

Wednesday 4 February 2015 15.29 EST

The family of a 65-year-old Washington state woman who was grazed in the head by a bullet says they can't prove it came from the neighboring shooting range, but a metal detector turned up more than a pound of bullets in their yard.

Linda Sperling, of Brush Prairie, is still recovering from a concussion. She considers herself lucky the bullet didn't do more damage when she was hit on 26 January while in her yard.

Sperling heard what sounded like an explosion, put her hand to her head and found blood on her gardening glove.

She was rushed to a hospital, where doctors told her a bullet had entered and exited her scalp, The Columbian reported Monday.

"I didn't even realize I'd been shot," Sperling said.

"What if it was a quarter-inch deeper?"

Sperling's husband and son believe she was hit by a stray bullet from the Clark Rifles outdoor shooting range. The gun club has two rifle ranges and a handgun range, according to its website. One of those 300-yard rifle ranges points toward the Sperlings' property.

Clark Rifles' vice-president, Dave Christie, said there's no proof the bullet came from the range.

"We know about no rounds that left the range," he said.

Clark County sheriff's sergeant Fred Neiman, meanwhile, called it an "unintended, unfortunate incident."

The Sperlings said the shooting range was somewhat dormant when they finished building their house in 1980, with shots heard every month or so. But around 1988, the shots became more frequent.

The rifle club already had a berm in place behind its targets and added a wooden backstop.

Even so, the Sperlings often have found bullets in their yard.

Their son Andy Sperling hired a metal detecting company in an effort to find the bullet that struck his mother. The search found more than a pound of bullets in the yard.

Linda Sperling's husband, Michael, spoke at a public hearing in 1988 on the gun club's license and was not opposed, although he said stray bullets went over his house.

Now his attitude has changed. "If that hadn't have happened, she wouldn't have been shot," Michael Sperling said.

The family is considering legal action and contacting government officials about their safety concerns.

Linda Sperling continues to suffer from memory and vision problems and a constant headache, the family said. She used to work in the yard daily.

"I haven't left the couch," she said. "I'm not a couch person."

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# Hiker struck by stray bullet on South Mountain

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A hiker was struck by a stray bullet while hiking in South Mountain Park on Saturday morning, according to Phoenix Police officials.

The 35-year-old man was hiking around 10:30 a.m. off the trail in an unauthorized part of the park when he was hit, according to Sgt. Vince Lewis, a spokesman with the department.

The hiker was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Police believe the bullet came from a shooting range located at a private gun club at the base of the mountain, Lewis said.

Lewis said people at the Phoenix Rod and Gun Club didn't report seeing a hiker on the mountain at the time of the incident.

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# CBS4 Exclusive: Man Claims He Was Grazed By Stray Bullet From Gun Range

September 8, 2015 11:18 PM By Lauren Pastrana

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MIAMI (CBSMiami) – Working the fields of far Southwest Miami-Dade, Juan Antonio Menjivar says he’s used to hearing gunshots.

He rides his tractor just outside the confines of Long Shot Range.

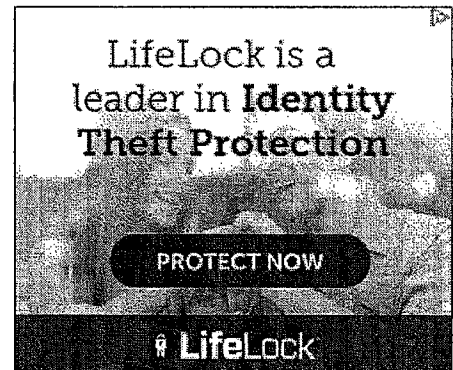


Around lunchtime on June 19th, as he drove his tractor eastbound on Southwest 312th Street and 117th Avenue in Homestead, he heard a different sound.

“Like a whistle,” he explained. “But ‘voof. Kinda hard sound.”

Menjivar said the noise came from a bullet grazing his body, and he had the wounds to prove it.

He showed CBS4 the scar along with photos of his injuries.



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"When I raised the shirt I saw the burn then start bleeding," he said.

When paramedics and Miami-Dade police responded, Menjivar told them he thought the bullet came from the Long Shot Range.

The report said a manager at the range "advised that a Special Forces Navy Seals team had been training on his range and that a round possibly went over a berm and accidentally struck Mr. Antonio."

Juan Antonio Menjivar hired an attorney who's considering whether a lawsuit should be filed.

"I want them to change the way that they operate their business. I want them to operate their business in a safe and reasonable fashion to protect individuals and that people aren't injured like my client," attorney David Farber said.

The owner of Long Shot Range, Steven Hurst, said they follow all safety guidelines to the letter.

The impact mounds measure 20 feet tall and the berms surrounding the area are 7 to 10 feet tall, according to Hurst.

The police report said the detectives asked for the permits and inspection records and "all appeared valid."

"Unfortunately we're a range, naturally if anything happens like this they will immediately come for us. They can allege that the bullet came from us. That's their right," Hurst said.

Hurst said people often shoot in the agricultural areas surrounding the range.

"Particularly down the canal banks," he said. "We have round coming in from the outside all the time."

When CBS4 was in the area, we noticed several street signs dotted with bullet holes.

It's possible the bullet that grazed Menjivar didn't come from the range, but there's no way to know for sure.

"I know that the people shooting offsite do not have any safety procedures and I know that we do and our whole emphasis is on trying to make sure we shoot safely and that our rounds stay on site," Hurst added.

The police report states the legal bureau deemed the "incident did not require any legal or police action and could continue to operate without further incident."

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The case is now closed, but Menjivar hopes his ordeal serves as a lesson to all who fire weapons in the area.

"They have to make sure the place is running like 100% safety. That's all I can tell you," he said. "There's a lot of people working there. That time it was me. Could be someone else."

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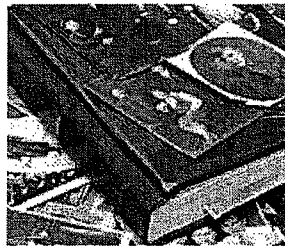
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The teen was hurt Sunday afternoon while working at the farm, which is across the San Joaquin River and near the Turlock Sportsman's Club.

The girl was taken to a hospital and is expected to be OK.

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is investigating whether the bullet came from the shooting range or from people firing rounds along the river.

Sheriff's department spokesperson Anthony Bejaran said shooting along the river is legal as long as people are not trespassing on private property.

Investigators are working to look for the people who were shooting along the river at the time the teen was hurt; they do not know how many people were involved.

However, club member Jack Barrett said it would have been very difficult for the bullet to reach the teen. She was standing more than 500 yards from a berm on the other side of the river.

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"It doesn't seem like that would be possible, but then again I guess anything is possible because most of the shooting is in that direction," Barrett said.

Bejaran said the five or six people who were at the gun range at the time of the shooting were interviewed by deputies.

No additional information has been released.

KCRA 3's Linda Mumma contributed to this report.

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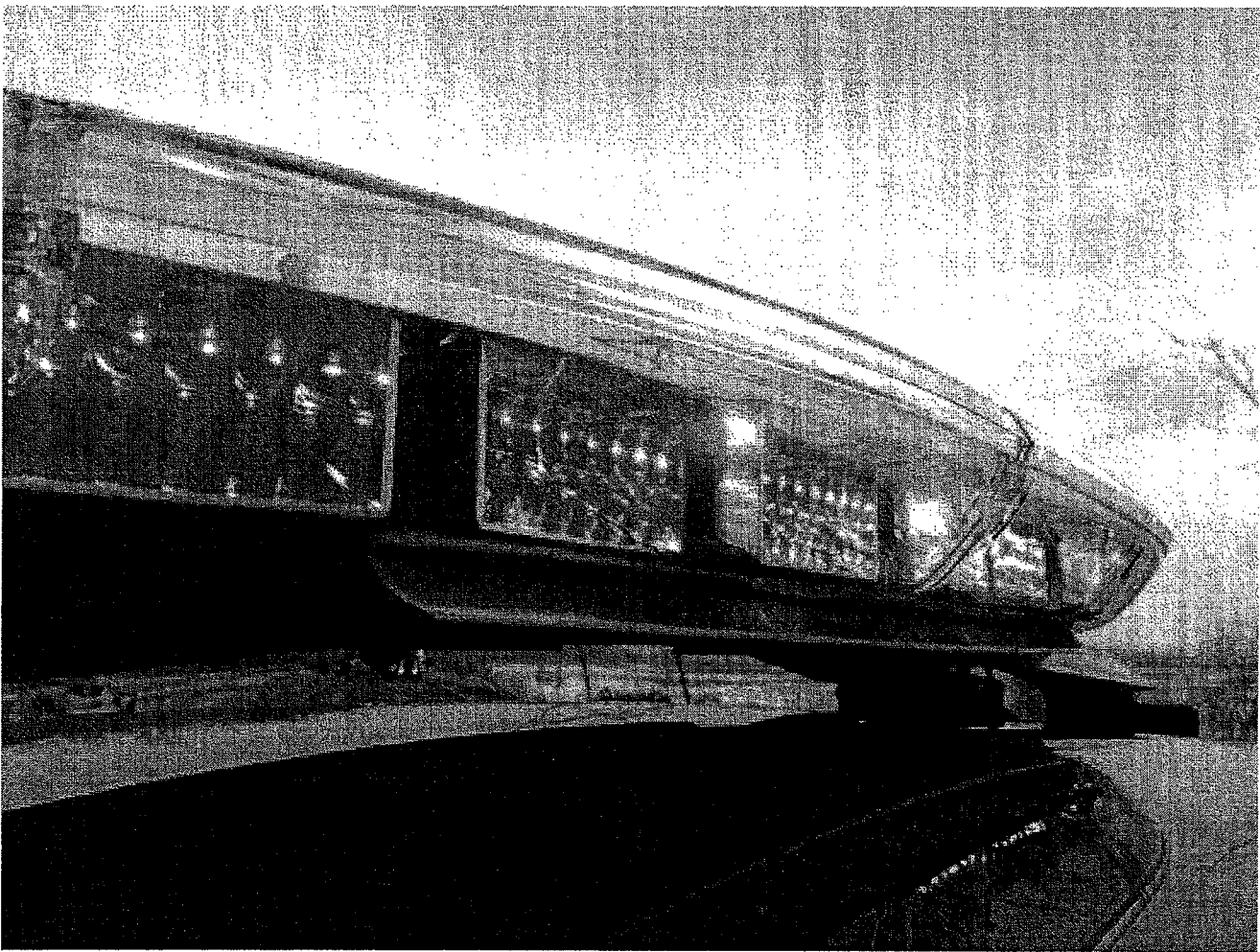
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Staff Reports

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BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, Ind. (WISH) – A stray bullet hit a car travelling north on US 31, leading police to a temporary shooting range nearby.

At approximately 6 p.m. on Jan. 23, Bartholomew County Police were called to an area on US 31, where Michael Kleinhenz, of Lagrange, Kentucky, pulled over to the side of the road.

Kleinhenz told police he heard something hit the driver's side door of his car. When he stopped the car, he saw that a bullet had entered and lodged inside the door, right below the seat.

Through investigation, police found a makeshift firing range by the intersection of 150 South and 300 East. Police were able to trace the bullet to an individual.

After some questioning, police found that the individual who shot the bullet did not have criminal intent.

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# Homeowner blames shooting range for holes in house, roof

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**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, S.C.** — You can hear the gunfire outside John Bent's home near Pageland on Dudley Church Road.

"This is pretty calm. It's usually worse than this," Bent said, pointing up at pink flags stuck in the siding of his house.

He said each flag marks the location of a bullet hole.



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☰ "There's a big hole right here in my window. The bullet bounced around on bedroom floor," Bent said. **LIVE**

Channel 9 climbed a ladder to the roof with Bent's nephew, Bryan Givens, to look at more pink flags, allegedly marking more damage. At one corner, a rifle round poked out of a shingle. He also found a large pistol round in the gutter.

"I expect to be able to go outside the house without fearing for my life," Givens said.

Givens and his wife, Ginger Givens, moved out of the house more than a year ago and left it to Bent. They have filled out police reports going back to 2013 complaining about damage to their home. They blame the Take Aim Shooting Range, which is only a short distance away.

The shooting range has been there since 1987. Union County Commissioner Stony Rushing bought the 50-acre site in 2013 and turned it into Take Aim range.

"We do have concealed weapon permits, teach hunting safety. We have children and adults come out. It's a family-friendly place," he said.

Rushing admits that it's noisy at times, but the range was there before most of its neighbors were.

He takes issue with complaints that stray bullets are leaving the property.

"There's no way, basically, that could happen. We shoot into an angle like this (pointing down) and then with a hill on the other side," he said.

He showed Channel 9 the steep hills around the range, all topped with brush and tall trees. He said they provide plenty of barrier to stop stray bullets.

He claimed there's no way shots fired from his range could strike Bent's home. Not only that, but none of the bullets found off the property have ever been matched up to guns fired at his business.

Additionally, everyone who shoots there signs in and out and lists the type of weapon fired.

"We know when they come, when they leave and what they're doing. When some of these complaints were made, no one was even here," Rushing said.

Both Rushing and Givens agree that people shoot guns frequently in the area. There's hunting land there, and being a rural area, some homeowners do target practice on their own property, sometimes late into the night. The gun range shuts down at dark.

Rushing said that's the culprit, not his business. He said the real issue is the noise and he believes his opponents realize he's not breaking any noise ordinances, so they are trying to shut him down anyway they can. **LIVE**

"By their own admission, there's a group of people wanting to shut me down," he said.

Rushing even believes the bullets found on Bent's roof were put there deliberately.

Givens said the damage is clear and said even if no laws are being broken, doing nothing is not enough.

"It doesn't matter whether he is within the law with his backstops and bullet catches or not. That doesn't change the fact that the bullets are still making it over here," he said.

Rushing insists the range is safe and told Channel 9 that his business is heavily insured. He said no one has ever filed a claim to repair any damage to their property.

On Friday, Chesterfield Sheriff Jay Brooks also climbed up on the roof to see the damage at Bent's home.

It didn't look to him like the bullets could have come from the gun range. However, he plans to return Monday with code enforcement to try to settle the issue.



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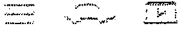
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By Walter Perez

Monday, April 27, 2015

STOCKERTOWN, Pa. (WPVI) -- Residents in the Lehigh Valley say their lives are in danger by stray bullets flying into their neighborhood.

They say the bullets have hit their homes and landed in their backyards and believe they're coming from a nearby gun club.

The residents say they feel like the bulls eye is on their community.

"They've been hitting the house, flying over our heads and whistling past our heads," said Eric Fuls of Stockertown, Pennsylvania.

Fuls says he believes the bullets are coming from the Stockertown Rod and Gun Club Firing Range, which is less than half a mile away.

It's gotten so bad that he will no longer allow his children to play outside when the range is open.

"My older son and his friends were down along the edge of the bank just messing around and the next thing you know there's bullets bouncing off the trees next to their heads. You know, they had to duck for cover," he said.

And the Fuls are not the only ones with concerns.

Several neighbors and businesses in this area have been complaining about bullets landing on their properties for years.

Thomas Devery says he never found the bullet, but he is sure the damage done to his truck a few years ago was the result of a straight shot.

"I found a big gash in the center of my windshield....it didn't go through the windshield but it was grazed. You could actually lay your pinky right in the hole," says Devery.

Local police have been notified, but the problem is that there is no way of knowing for sure if the shots are coming from the range or from rogue hunters milling around this rural patch of Northampton County.

Fuls, an avid gun owner himself, does not want the gun club shut down.

But he says nearly every bullet that landed in his neighborhood was traveling from the direction of the range.

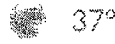
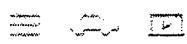
His hope is that gun club officials will put in added safeguards before it's too late.

"How much does it cost to put up a couple of wireless cameras and have them hook it to a computer system to see who is actually down on the range? How hard is it to put a log book up down there?" Fuls said.

Neighbors say they have handed in bullets to the Stockertown Police Department but still little progress has been made in this case.

The local force is primarily a part-time department and no one was available for comment.

Action News also tried to reach out to officials from the gun club, but they kicked us off the property.



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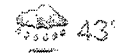


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The district attorney is trying to determine whether stray bullets that have hit homes in one eastern Pennsylvania community are coming from a nearby gun club.

Officials with the Stockertown Rod & Gun Club didn't immediately return a call from the AP Wednesday on the investigation begun by Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli.

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The prosecutor wants state police ballistics experts to examine the shooting range and bullets that have hit some nearby homes.

The DA wants to know whether the range is safe, or whether changes need to be made to keep bullets from escaping the shooting range.

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The DA said gun club members could face criminal charges of reckless endangerment if it's determined the bullets came from their range.

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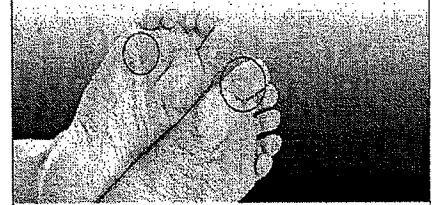
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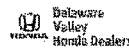
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


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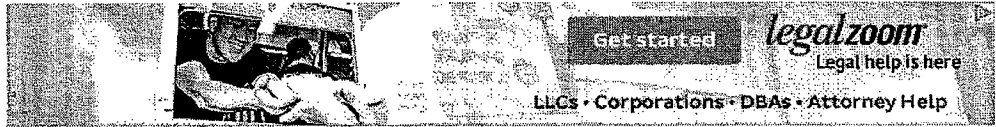


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## Northampton Co. gun club shuts one of its ranges during stray bullet probe



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NAZARETH (AP) — A Northampton County group has closed its shooting range two weeks after a prosecutor announced he's investigating whether stray bullets were hitting homes from another club a couple miles away.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli announced earlier this month that he's trying to determine whether the stray bullets are coming from the Stockertown Rod & Gun Club.

That investigation is still ongoing, but now WFMZ-TV is reporting that the Edelman Belfast Sportsman Club has shut down its range. The ranges are about two-and-a-half miles apart.

Officials with the Edelman Belfast club haven't responded to the television station and didn't immediately return a call from The Associated Press early Wednesday.

Neighbors say they've complained about stray bullets from that club, too, but nothing's ever been proven.

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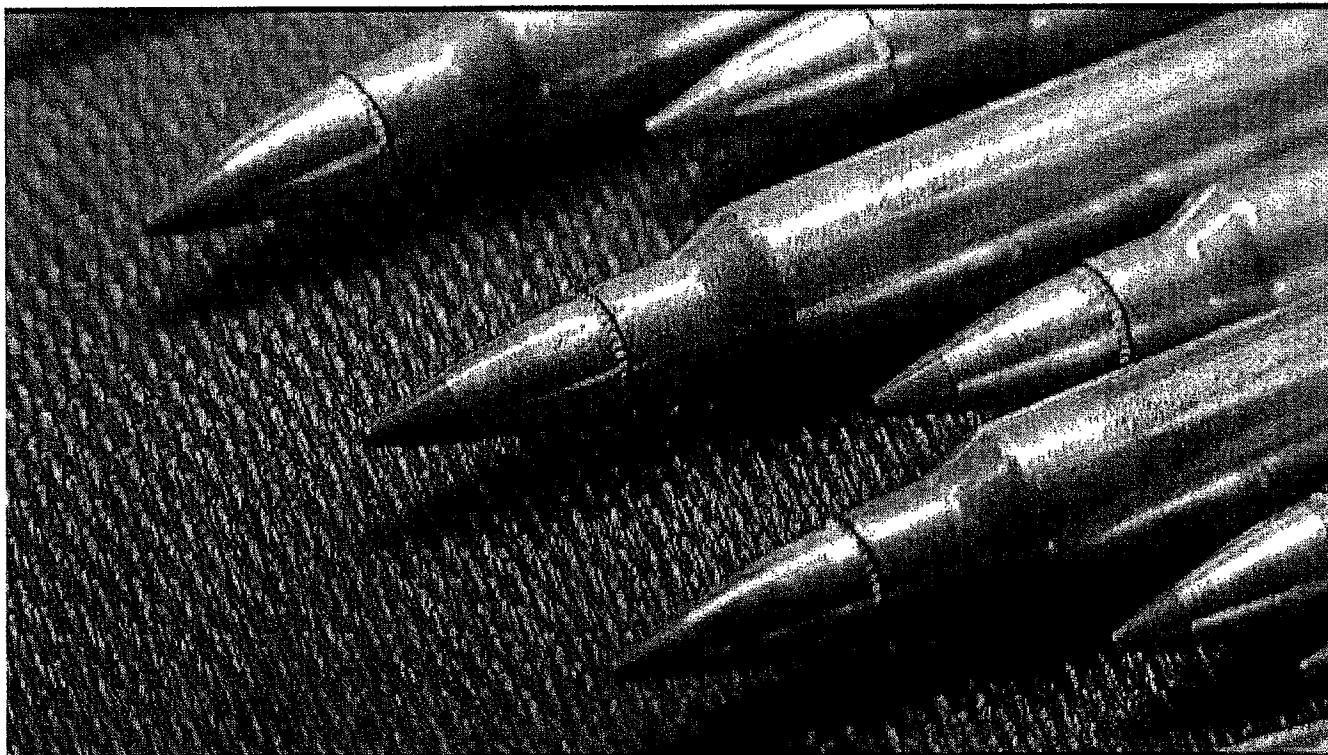
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By [Mike Bunge \(http://kimt.com/author/kimtmikebunge/\)](http://kimt.com/author/kimtmikebunge/)

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MANTORVILLE, Minn. – Bullets apparently fired from a shooting range struck a Mantorville home on Sunday.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office says deputies were called to a house in the 10 block of Clover Street and discovered six bullets from a .223 caliber rifle both inside and outside the residence.

**Attachment 19**

There were no reported injuries.

Authorities say the bullets appear to have come from the Zumbro Valley Sportsman's Club on 235<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Kasson and Mantorville. It is unclear how the shots went astray but the Club says it will be making changes to its dirt berm to prevent future incidents.

Authorities say there was a case similar to this involving the Club in 2006.

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## Bullets from shooting range a concern for child's birthday party



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Bullets from shooting range, a concern for child's birthday party

**Redding, Calif.** - A Redding mother is celebrating her son's ninth birthday this week with fears of bullets in the back of her mind.

Shannon Smith has lived in the Mary Lake neighborhood for eight years, which is located near the open air gun range owned by the Shasta County Peace Officers Association.

Ricochet bullets are her main concern as she sets up for her son's upcoming swim party. Smith even asked for the range to temporarily shut down for the event.

When Smith first moved into her home on Brinn Drive, the neighborhood's safety record was the selling point, until she noticed her first bullet.

"I found four in my kids' play area and I have a flag lot where I have found four more," said Smith.

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She knew noise would be an issue and even signed a disclosure.

"I had no idea someone would allow, especially police officers, allow bullets to escape for 60 years from a range," stated Smith.

Her kids play outside frequently and used to wear a helmet for protection. Now they are taught to run inside the house when they hear gunfire.

"I force myself not because I enjoy it, but because I really need to bring awareness to the safety issue," Smith said.

Smith is now taking that awareness to the public collecting evidence in a lawsuit against the Shasta County Peace Officers Association.

In a response to Smith's request, President Bill Schueller referred to a previous lawsuit when talking about the range's safety.

"We would not temporarily, or permanently, cease training activities then, and we continue to maintain this position today ... Additionally please understand that training events at this range are set months in advance by different departments with access to the Range," Schueller said in a statement.

"Irrespective of our position on the range's safety, your request to alter a long prepared schedule just days in advance of an agency's training is not something we could accommodate."

Smith said if the association won't shut down for the party, neither will she and the party will go on.

"We will do as we always do and play until we hear bullets and run for cover. Duck and run for cover inside," stated Smith.

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**Robert Mo** · Background Investigator at Shasta County Probation Department

This has been covered ad nauseam. If Shannon was truly fearful that bullets would come raining down, she would not have the party there. Instead, Shannon has exploited this child's birthday party to reignite this conversation. I hope the people who are sending their children to this party are aware that Shannon is, in her mind, placing their children at risk of serious injury or death. In the real world, I discount these tales of errant bullets raining down from the skies.

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**Shannon Smith**

Thx Robert Mo for your replies. So which is it? Am I placing the kids in serious danger vs. Discount tales? Your reply reminds me of people that stand on both sides of the fence. Bullets don't leave the range vs. It's obvious bullets leave the

# Belfast Edelman gun range closes amid stray-bullet complaints



A sign, seen in the distance here on Oct. 15, 2015, at the Belfast-Edelman Sportsman Association in Plainfield Township, Pa., states that the shooting range is closed. It is unclear if the closure is related to complaints of stray bullets hitting nearby homes. (John Best | for lehighvalleylive.com)

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**Plainfield Township** supervisors have been fielding complaints that stray bullets from the **Belfast Edelman Sportsman Association** gun range have been striking houses downrange.

Gail Weber, who lives on Sullivan Trail about a half-mile from the 474 Sportsman Club Road gun range, claims bullets have missed the back stop at the range multiple times and struck her house.

Weber brought bullet slugs and pictures of bullet holes to the September supervisors' meeting. She alleges the bullets came from the range. Weber complained to supervisors in 2013 about the same problem.

The association closed the gun range in September, though it is unclear if the closure was related to the complaint.

The closure also comes shortly after **Northampton County** District Attorney's office announced the opening of a criminal investigation into alleged stray bullets from Stockertown Rod and Gun Club, which is about two and a half miles south of the Belfast Edelman club.

Calls for comment to the Belfast Edelman Sportsman Association were not immediately returned Thursday. Plainfield Township Manager Tom Petrucci said he has not received responses to letters mailed to the association regarding the matter.

Slate Belt Regional police Chief David Mettin said he is aware of the complaints but he cannot act without evidence that directly implicates shooters at the gun range.

"If there's a smoking gun, then we can act," Mettin said. "If there's nobody that sees someone shooting, it is difficult to determine where the round came from."

In response to Weber's complaints, supervisors asked township solicitor David Backenstoe to investigate potential firearm or discharge laws that the township may be able to adopt to protect neighbors from errant bullets.

Backenstoe told supervisors Wednesday that, since 1974, the state Legislature has laws in place that restrict local governments from enacting laws and ordinances regulating firearms and ammunition.

There are two ongoing legal cases that should be settled before the township attempts to enact any of its own ordinances, Backenstoe advised.

There is an appeal filed with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in Leach v. Commonwealth, regarding the constitutionality of Act 192. Act 192, passed by the Legislature in 2014, allows that a municipality can be sued and held financially responsible for legal fee and costs if a person is adversely affected by gun restrictions.

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The second case Backenstoe mentioned involves U.S. Law Shield and its suit against Harrisburg. In this case, Harrisburg enacted several ordinances including one that does not involve the gun itself, but rather the discharge of firearms.

The township would be premature to act until these cases are resolved, according to Backenstoe.

"Right now, the ability of municipalities to regulate firearms is at a little bit of a standstill," Backenstoe said.

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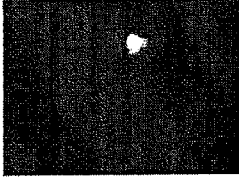
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# Rancher wants gun range closed, claims stray bullet hit property

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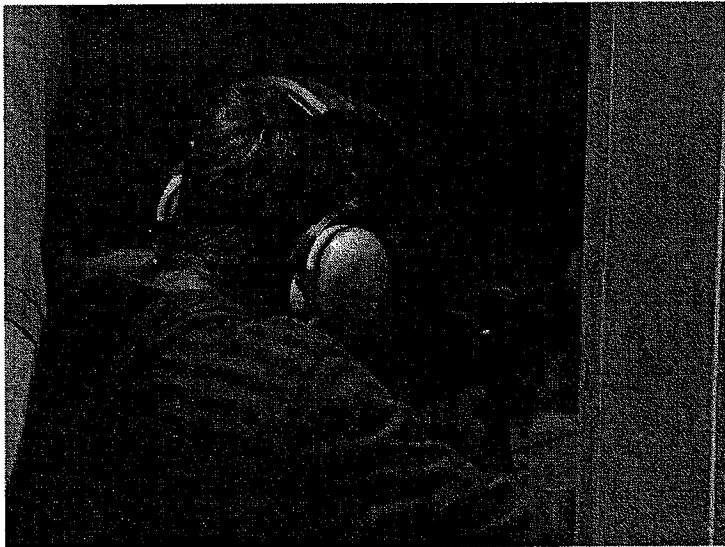
CONVERSE, Texas -- A rancher wants the largest shooting range in South Texas to close after he claims a stray bullet hit his deer blind.

Rodney Mann said the noise from the LoneStar Handgun shooting range is now the least of his worries. He discovered bullet holes on the roof of his deer blind and a bullet on Saturday. His deer blind sits on the back of his 70 acre property across from the gun range. Mann raises cow and deer on his ranch. He said he fears he'll get shot, or one of his animals will get hit.

"I've been living here for 15 years. I feel like I don't have to put up with this," said Mann.

The owner of the shooting range, Josh Felker, said he doesn't see how it's possible a bullet hit Mann's deer blind. Felker said his range has multiple layers of protection to prevent stray bullets, like a 25 foot berm backstop, side berms and more than 600 yards separating his property line from Mann's.

"I've got photos of his roof line. I don't see how it could have. The geometry just isn't there. I don't believe that the round came from our facility. There are lots of people who go hunting. It's deer season in South Texas," said Felker.



The owner of the shooting range said he doesn't see how it's possible a bullet hit the deer blind. (Photo: KENS 5)

Mann said he's filed a report with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and is also starting a petition to close down Felker's business.

"I'm ready to fight. That's the only way we're going to feel more safe coming out here to this property," said Mann.

"I don't know how a petition would benefit anybody. We do a lot for the community. We are here to stay. We're not just here to grab a dollar," said Felker.

Felker said law enforcement officers and disabled veterans often use the range. He said they've also offered free gun classes for teachers. Felker said Mann has refused to let him check out the bullet holes on his deer blind.

# Problem Solvers: Stray bullets ignite gun range dispute

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TWIN LAKE, Mich. — A fight for safety that has been ongoing for a month as residents of this Muskegon County neighborhood say Grasmeyer gun range is a hazard, and some say stray bullets are landing in their yards.

Several months ago, FOX 17 spoke with concerned neighbors who have now come forward with new grievances. But a possible solution might be in sight.

The neighbors' biggest complaint is that a resolution for a simple request -- safety -- is taking far too long. But the neighborhood might finally get what residents are asking for. The township and Grasmeyer gun range, who FOX 17 spoke with on the phone Friday, said there could be a solution in sight within the next 10 days.

Six months ago, John Dollaway's front yard was sealed off with caution tape. A 6- by 10-foot sign was also in the works. It was something he hoped he'd never have to put up.

"Let's just get this straightened out. This is getting tiring," said Dollaway.

He hoped the township would put a stop to something he says is obvious.

"This is not just for me to be a butthead about things," Dollaway said. "I literally want people to know if they get hurt at the front of my yard, with a bullet, it's not from me, it's from the gun range."

He's talking about stray bullets from Grasmeyer gun range, which is only about 500 feet from the end of Dollaway's backyard. But he said he's heard nothing despite numerous calls to Grasmeyer and Dalton Township supervisor Jerry McIntyre. So he decided to beef up his personal protest.

The sign got an upgrade from the last time we were at Dollaway's home. He's not giving up the fight.

"Because it's my freedom of speech for one thing, and people need to know what's going on," Dollaway said. "It's my personal protest. I want it safe in my backyard and so do my neighbors."

Aside from fearing for his life when he's in the backyard, it's caused Dollaway a few other issues.

"Our property values are just sinking down to nothing," he said. "Going into the toilet. As far as I am concerned, they must not think my house is worth anything."

During his search for a new home insurance company, Dollaway's sign flashed some red flags for potential insurers.

"I got a call at the beginning of the week that they are not going to be able to insure me because the sign is saying warning, there is a gun range," There's a gun range in the backyard, regardless whether they think it's mine or Grasmeyer. There is a gun range."

There may be light at the end of the tunnel for Dollaway. McIntyre, the township supervisor, told FOX 17 that on Dec. 14 he will be presenting a safety plan that Grasmeyer and the township worked on together for safety measures.

We asked what those safety measures entail, but he said he would not release details until it is presented.

Grasmeyer officials, who declined an on-camera interview, told us over the phone that they are happy with these new safety precautions.

Dollaway is optimistic there's a solution in sight. But he said he's not holding his breath, if the township's communication with the people whose safety is at risk is any indication.

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The M24 Sniper's Weapon System (SWS) represents a return to bolt action sniper rifles by the US Army. As in the USMC M40A1, the M24 uses the Remington 700 action, although the receiver is a long action made for adaptation to take the .300 Winchester Magnum round. The stock (HS Precision) is made of a composite of Kevlar, graphite and fibreglass bound together with epoxy resins, and features an aluminium bedding block and adjustable butt plate. A detachable bipod (Harris) can be attached to the stocks fore-end. The metal finish is powder coated for extreme durability



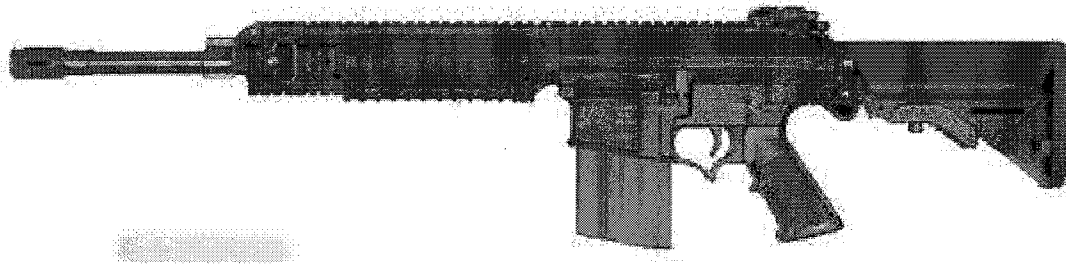
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Knights SR-25 rifle, civilian version with 20" barrel

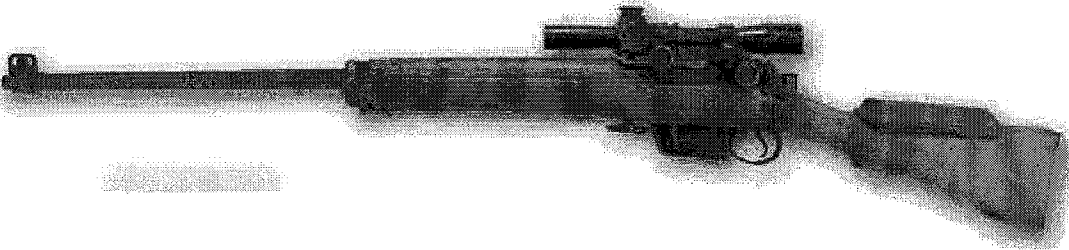
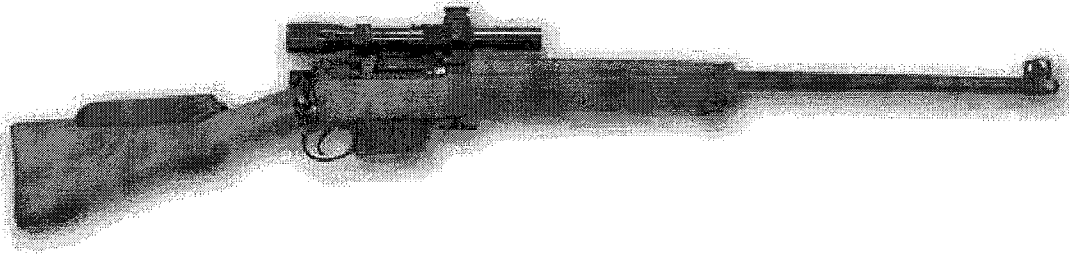



Knights SR-25 carbine, civilian version with 16" barrel and telescopic buttstock

<b>Type</b>	Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	 United States
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1990
<b>Used by</b>	See <i>Users</i>
<b>Wars</b>	Afghanistan War, Iraq War, 2006 East Timorese crisis, 2nd Intifada
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designer</b>	Eugene Stoner
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Knight's Armament Company
<b>Variants</b>	SR-25 Enhanced Match rifle, with 20 in (510 mm) barrel SR-25 Enhanced Match Carbine, with 16 in (410 mm) barrel and M110 flash suppressor
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	Match Rifle 10.75 lb (4.88 kg), LwMatch 9.5 lb (4.3 kg), Carbine 7.5 lb (3.4 kg), Sporter 8.75 lb (3.97 kg)
<b>Length</b>	1,118 mm (44.0 in)
<b>Barrel length</b>	Match Rifle 24 in (610 mm)(also LwMatch & Sporter 20 in/510 mm, Carbine 16 in/410 mm)
<b>Cartridge</b>	7.62x51mm NATO
<b>Action</b>	Gas-operated, rotating bolt
<b>Rate of fire</b>	Semi-automatic
<b>Feed system</b>	10 and 20-round detachable box magazine

## No 8. L42 Enfield (British)






<b>Type</b>	Bolt-action rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	 United Kingdom
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1895-1926 (MLE) 1907–present (SMLE)
<b>Used by</b>	
<b>Wars</b>	Second Boer War First World War Second World War Various Colonial conflicts Irish War of Independence Malayan Emergency Korean War Nepalese Civil War Afganistan conflict and numerous other conflicts.
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designer</b>	James Paris Lee, RSAF Enfield
<b>Produced</b>	1895-1907 (MLE) 1907– (SMLE)
<b>Number built</b>	over 17,000,000 (All Variants) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Variants</b>	Short, Magazine Lee Enfield Mk. I, Mk. I*, Mk.III, Mk. III*, Rifle No. 4 Mk. 1, Mk. 1* (produced by Savage and Long Branch), Mk. 1(T) Sniper Rifle, Mk. 2, Rifle No 5 Mk. 1 (Jungle Carbine)
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	~4 kg (8.8 lb) depending on wood density

<b>Length</b>	1,130 mm (44.5 in)
<b>Barrel length</b>	635 mm (25 in)
<b>Cartridge</b>	.303 Mk VII SAA Ball
<b>Action</b>	Bolt-action
<b>Muzzle velocity</b>	744 m/s (2,441 ft/s)
<b>Effective range</b>	550 yards (503 m) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Maximum range</b>	2,000 yd (1,829 m)
<b>Feed system</b>	10-round magazine, loaded with 5-round charger clips
<b>Sights</b>	Sliding ramp rear sights, Fixed-post front sights, "Dial" long-range volley sights; Telescopic sights on Sniper models.

### No 7. M21 (American)






<b>Type</b>	Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	 United States
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1969–1988
<b>Used by</b>	United States
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designer</b>	Army Weapons Command, Combat Development Command, Limited Warfare Agency
<b>Designed</b>	1969
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Rock Island Arsenal, Springfield Armory
<b>Variants</b>	M25
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	5.27 kg (11.6 lb)
<b>Length</b>	1118 mm (44 in)
<b>Barrel length</b>	560 mm (22 in)
<b>Cartridge</b>	7.62x51mm NATO
<b>Action</b>	Gas-operated, rotating bolt
<b>Muzzle velocity</b>	853 m/s (2,800 ft/s)
<b>Effective range</b>	690 m (750 yd)
<b>Feed system</b>	5, 10 or 20-round detachable box magazine

**Sights**

Front: National Match front blade .062  
Rear: Match-grade hooded aperture with one-half minute adjustments for both windage and elevation.  
26 3/4 in sight radius.

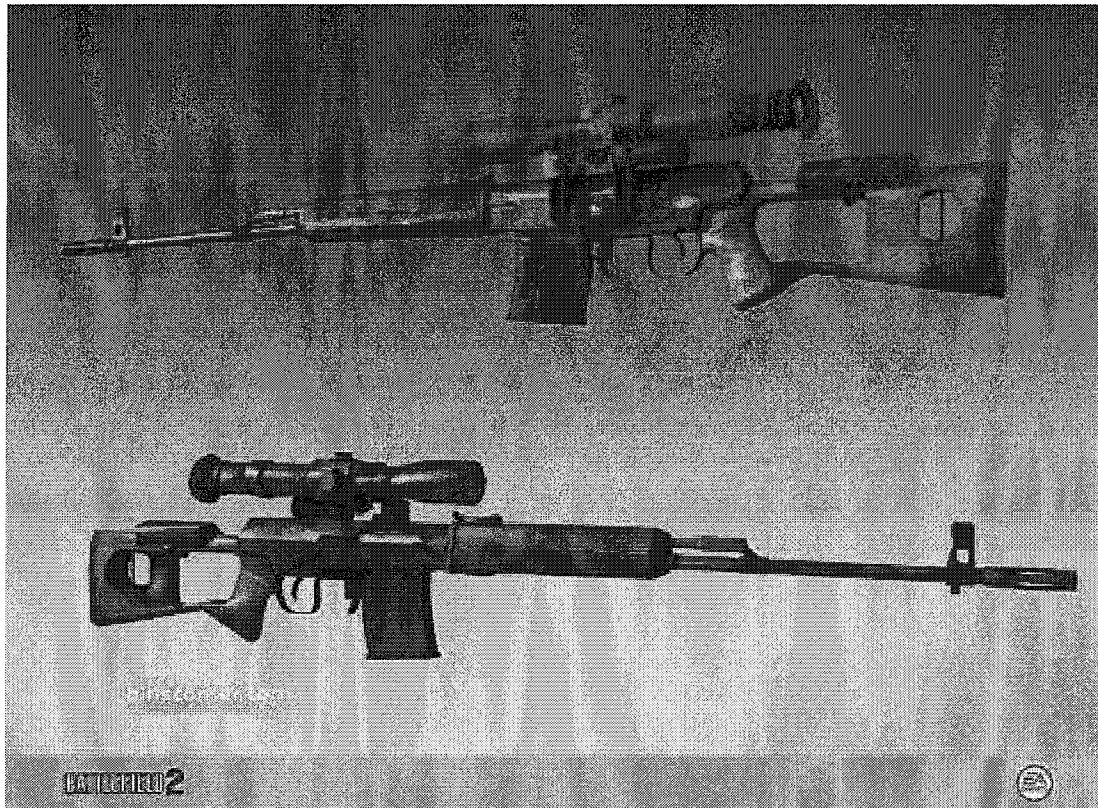
**No 6. PSG1 (German)**



<b>Type</b>	Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	 West Germany
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1972-present
<b>Used by</b>	Germans
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designer</b>	Heckler & Koch GmbH
<b>Designed</b>	1970s
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Heckler & Koch GmbH SEDENA (licensed)
<b>Produced</b>	1972–present
<b>Variants</b>	PSG1A1, MSG90, MSG90A1
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	7.2 kg (15.87 lb)
<b>Length</b>	1,230 mm (48.4 in)
<b>Barrel length</b>	650 mm (25.6 in)
<b>Width</b>	59 mm (2.3 in)
<b>Height</b>	258 mm (10.2 in) with telescopic sight
<hr/> <b>Cartridge</b>	7.62x51mm NATO

<b>Action</b>	Roller-delayed blowback
<b>Muzzle velocity</b>	868 m/s (2,848 ft/s)
<b>Effective range</b>	800 m
<b>Feed system</b>	5- or 20-round detachable box magazine or 50-round drum
<b>Sights</b>	Hensoldt ZF6x42PSG1 telescopic sight with illuminated reticle

### No 5. Dragunov SVD (Soviet Union)





<b>Type</b>	Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	<span> </span> Soviet Union
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1963–present
<b>Used by</b>	Russians
<b>Wars</b>	Vietnam War, <sup>[1]</sup> Soviet war in Afghanistan, Iraq War, Yugoslav Wars, First and Second Chechen Wars, 2008 South Ossetia War
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designer</b>	Evgeny Dragunov
<b>Designed</b>	1958–1963
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Izhmash, Norinco, Zastava Arms
<b>Produced</b>	1963–present <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Variants</b>	See <i>Variants</i>
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	4.30 kg (9.48 lb) (with scope and unloaded magazine) <sup>[2]</sup>
	4.68 kg (10.3 lb) (SVDS)
	4.40 kg (9.7 lb) (SVU)
	5.02 kg (11.1 lb) (SWD-M)
<b>Length</b>	1,225 mm (48.2 in) (SVD) <sup>[2]</sup>
	1,135 mm (44.7 in) stock extended / 815 mm (32.1 in) stock folded (SVDS)
	900 mm (35.4 in) (SVU)
<b>Barrel length</b>	1,125 mm (44.3 in) (SWD-M)
	610 mm (24.0 in) (SVD, SWD-M) <sup>[2]</sup>
	565 mm (22.2 in) (SVDS)
	600 mm (23.6 in) (SVU)

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<b>Cartridge</b>	7.62x54mmR <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Action</b>	Gas-operated, rotating bolt
<b>Muzzle velocity</b>	830 m/s (2,723 ft/s) (SVD, SVDS, SWD-M) 800 m/s (2,624.7 ft/s) (SVU)
<b>Effective range</b>	Up to 800 m sight adjustments for point targets
<b>Maximum range</b>	1,300 m with scope 1,200 m with iron sights
<b>Feed system</b>	10-round detachable box magazine
<b>Sights</b>	PSO-1 telescopic sight and iron sights with an adjustable rear notch sight

#### No 4. AS50 (British)






<b>Type</b>	Anti-materiel rifle, Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	<span><span></span></span> United Kingdom
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Designed</b>	2005 or 2006
<b>Produced</b>	2006
<b>Number built</b>	Unknown
<b>Variants</b>	1 AS50
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	27 lb (12.2 kg) (no scope/sight, empty mag)
<b>Length</b>	53.9" (1369 mm)
<b>Barrel length</b>	692 mm
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<b>Cartridge</b>	12.7 x 99 mm NATO
<b>Caliber</b>	12.7 mm .50 BMG
<b>Action</b>	Direct impingement <sup>[ citation needed ]</sup>
<b>Rate of fire</b>	semi-automatic, estimated at 5 rounds/1.3 seconds
<b>Effective range</b>	1,500 m



**Feed system**            5 or 10 round detachable box magazine

### No 3. Barrett .50 Cal (American)



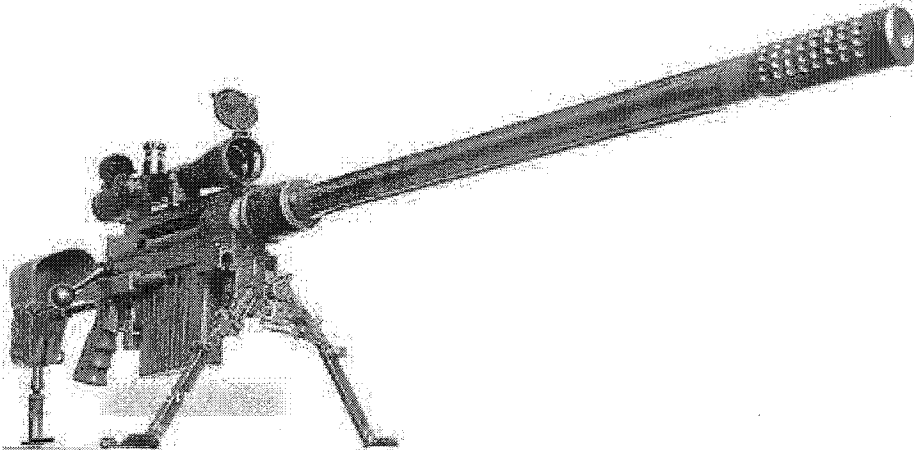
<b>Type</b>	Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	 United States
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Barrett Firearms Company
<b>Unit cost</b>	\$3800-\$4000
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	25 lb (11.36 kg)

**Length** 50.4 in (1280 mm)  
**Barrel length** 32 inches (813 mm)

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**Cartridge** .50 BMG (12.7 × 99 mm),  
.416 Barrett  
**Action** Single Shot, Bolt Action  
**Maximum range** 2600 Meters

### No 2. Cheytac .408 cal (American)



**Type** Rifle  
**Place of origin**  United States  
**Production history**

**Designer** John Taylor and William O. Wordman  
**Designed** 2001  
**Manufacturer** Chey Tac  
**Produced** 2001–present  
**Variants** .375 Chey Tac

**Specifications**

**Parent case** .505 Gibbs  
**Case type** Rimless, bottleneck  
**Bullet diameter** .408 in (10.4 mm)  
**Neck diameter** .438 in (11.1 mm)  
**Shoulder diameter** .601 in (15.3 mm)  
**Base diameter** .637 in (16.2 mm)  
**Rim diameter** .640 in (16.3 mm)  
**Rim thickness** .065 in (1.7 mm)  
**Case length** 3.04 in (77 mm)  
**Overall length** 4.307 in (109.4 mm)  
**Case capacity** 159 gr H<sub>2</sub>O (10.335 cm<sup>3</sup>)  
**Rifling twist** 1 in 13 in (330.2 mm)  
**Primer type** Large Rifle  
**Maximum pressure** 63,800 psi (440 MPa)

**Ballistic performance**

<b>Bullet weight/type</b>	<b>Velocity</b>	<b>Energy</b>
305 gr (19.8 g) Solid	3,500 ft/s (1,100 m/s)	8,298 ft·lbf(11,251 J)
419 gr (27.2 g) Solid	3,000 ft/s (910 m/s)	8,376 ft·lbf(11,356 J)

*Source: Cartridges of the World<sup>1</sup>*

**No 1. L115A3 AWM (British)**

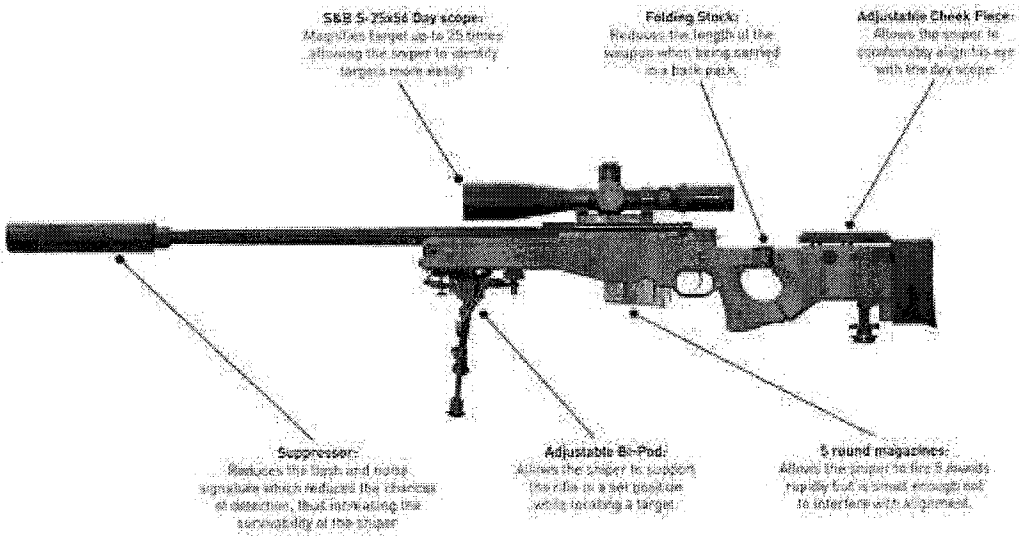


Figure 1: Sniper Rifle

<b>Type</b>	Sniper rifle
<b>Place of origin</b>	<span><span></span></span> United Kingdom
<b>Service history</b>	
<b>In service</b>	1997 – present
<b>Used by</b>	See <i>Users</i>
<b>Wars</b>	Afghanistan War, Iraq War
<b>Production history</b>	
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Accuracy International
<b>Specifications</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	6.5 kg (14.3 lb) (.300 Winchester Magnum) 6.9 kg (15.1 lb) (.338 Lapua Magnum) with stock, bipod and empty magazine
<b>Length</b>	1200 mm (47.2 in) (.300 Win. Mag.) 1230 mm (48.4 in) (.338 Lapua Magnum)
<b>Barrel length</b>	660 mm (26 in) (.300 Win. Mag.) 686 mm (27 in) (.338 Lapua Magnum)
<b>Cartridge</b>	.300 Winchester Magnum .338 Lapua Magnum
<b>Action</b>	Bolt-action
<b>Effective range</b>	1,100 metres (1,203 yd) .300 Winchester Magnum <sup>[1]</sup> 1,400 metres (1,531 yd) .338 Lapua Magnum <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Feed system</b>	5-round detachable box magazine
<b>Sights</b>	detachable aperture type iron sights day or night optics

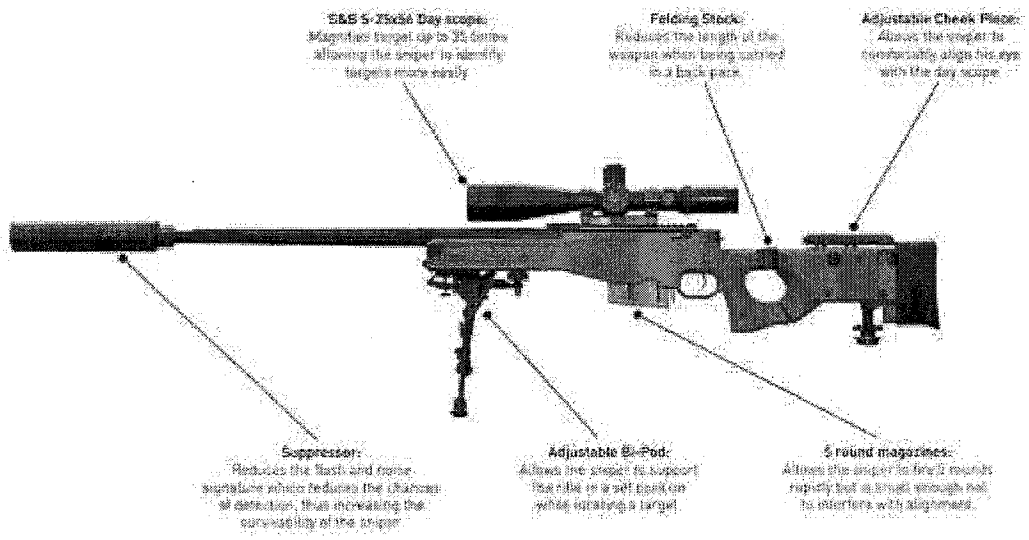


Figure 1. Sniper Rifle Configuration



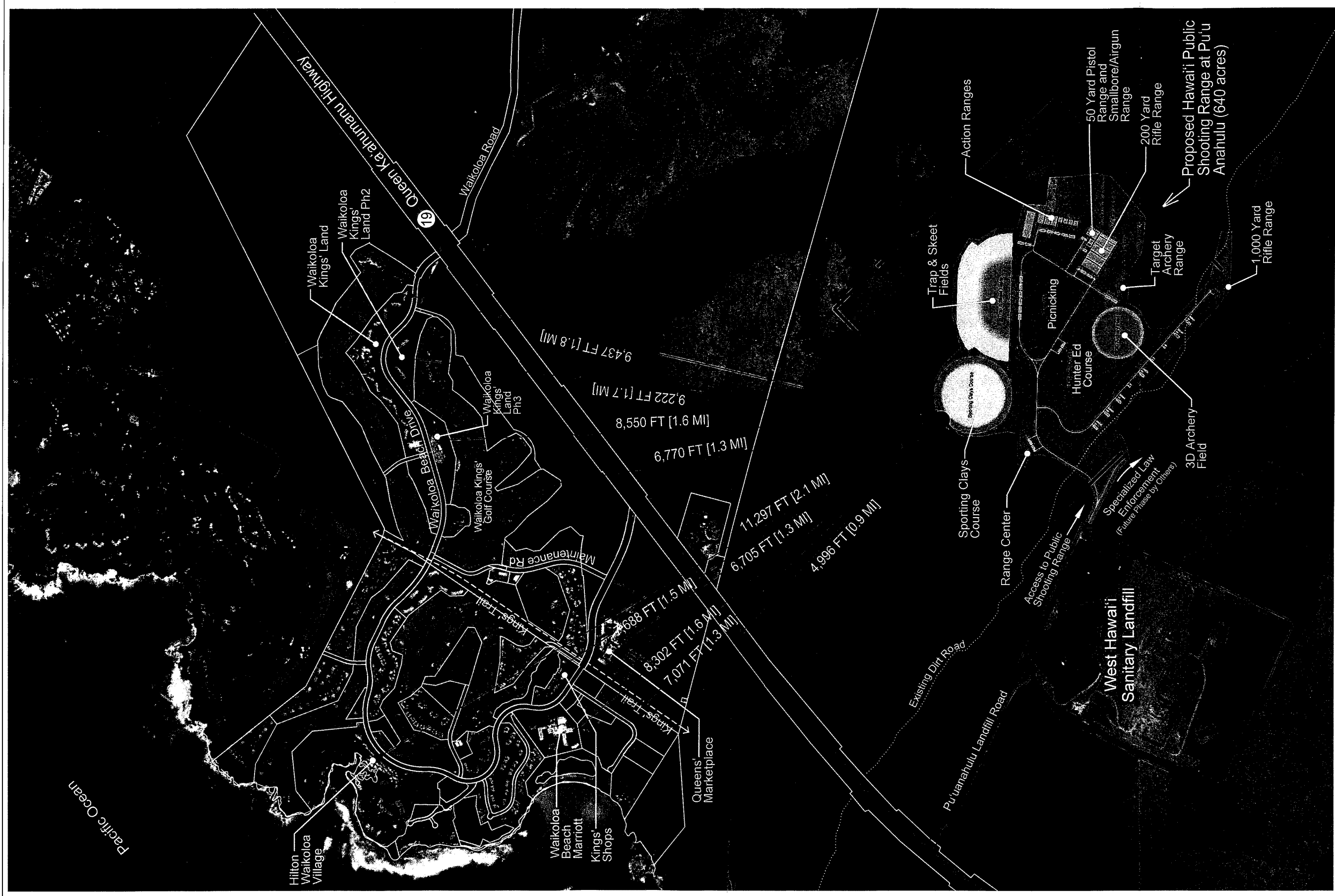
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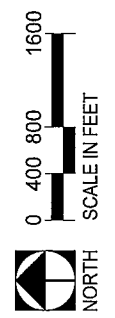
### Rationale for Objection to the Proposed Location

- a. The Proposed Location is in close proximity to the resort, condo and timeshare communities of the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.
- b. This coastal area is a major draw for tourists and condo owners, and sustains the employment of thousands of Hawaii residents.
- c. Visitors to the Big Island come in search of peace and tranquility and to experience a culture like no other in the world.
- d. To have this disturbed by sounds of gunshots and the threat of stray bullets would have a profoundly negative impact on the community at large.
- e. Having this shooting range in such close proximity to a place where thousands of people come to work, live and play will have damaging effects on surrounding businesses, future developments, and employment opportunities.
- f. Our request is that the shooting range be constructed in a more suitable location which does not so negatively impact the residents, local businesses or the employees whose livelihood depends on the continued success of the Kohala Coast community.



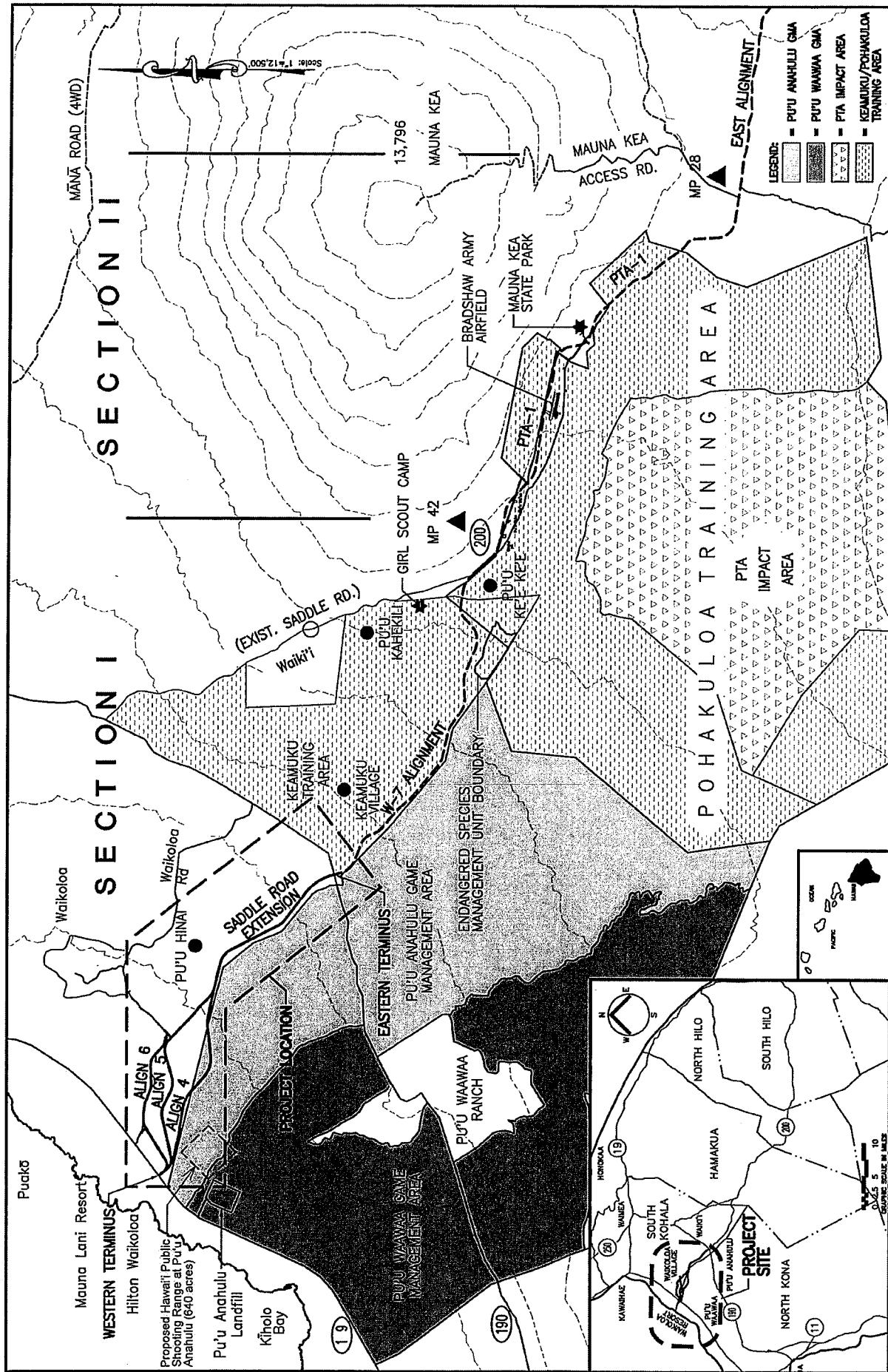


Sources: Conceptual Site Plan (Subject to Change) Hawai'i Public Shooting Range at Pu'u Anahulu, dated October 9, 2012, provided by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division. Aerial photograph imagery map data: Google, TerraMetrics. Parcel map data from County of Hawaii GIS SHP file.



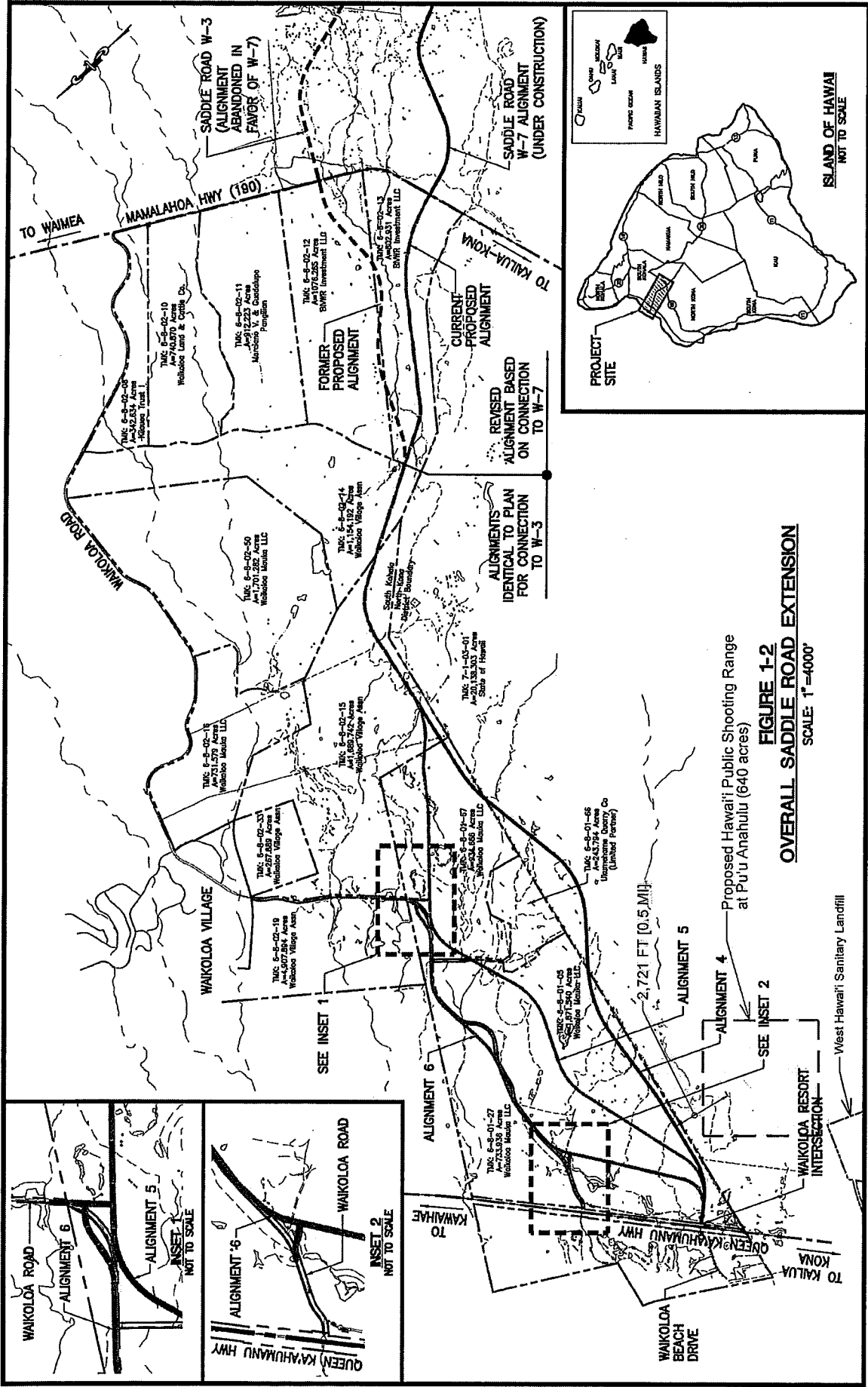
**PROPOSED HAWAII PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE  
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**FIGURE 1-1: PROJECT LOCATION AND ALTERNATIVES**

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**FIGURE 1-2**  
**OVERALL SADDLE ROAD EXTENSION**  
SCALE: 1" = 4000'

Source: Final Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice Saddle Road Extension from Māmalaha Highway (State Route 190) to Queen Kāhuna Highway (State Route 19) South Kona/Hiwahiwi Area District, Island of Hawaii Dated May 11, 2012

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TO: GARY HOOSER, DIRECTOR  
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SUBJECT: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE; SADDLE ROAD EXTENSION,  
FROM MAMALAHOA HIGHWAY (STATE ROUTE 190) TO QUEEN  
KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY (STATE ROUTE 19), SOUTH KOHALA/NORTH  
KONA DISTRICTS, ISLAND OF HAWAII

With this letter, the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation hereby transmits the Final Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (FEA-EISPN) for the Saddle Road Extension: From Mamalahoa Highway (State Route 190) to Queen Kaahumanu Highway (State Route 19), situated at TMK: (3) 6-8-001:005, 066, 067, 6-8-002:013, 014, 015 and 7-1-003:001, South Kohala/North Kona Districts, Island of Hawaii for publication in the next available edition of the Environmental Notice.

We understand that publication of the FEA-EISPN in the Environmental Notice will initiate a 30-day public consultation period for parties to comment on the action and request to become consulted parties in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement.

Enclosed is a completed OEQC Publication Form, two copies of the FEA-EISPN, an Adobe Acrobat PDF file of the same, and an electronic copy of the publication form in MS Word. Simultaneous with this letter, we have submitted the summary of the action in a text file by electronic mail to your office.

We are copying the Governor's Office to inform them that a subsequent draft EIS will be prepared at the conclusion of the public consultation period.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean Yanagisawa, Project Manager at 587-1834.

Enclosures

c: Governor Neil Abercrombie

**OEQC Publication Form  
The Environmental Notice**

**Name of Project:** Saddle Road Extension: From Māmalahoa Highway (State Route 190) to Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (State Route 19)  
**Applicable Law:** Chapter 343, HRS and NEPA  
**Type of Document:** EISPN/EA  
**Island:** Hawai'i  
**District:** South Kohala/North Kona  
**TMK:** (3<sup>rd</sup>) 6-8-001:005, 066, 067; 6-8-002:013, 014, 015; 7-1-003:001  
**Permits Required:** Federal: Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit\*; Section 106 NHPA concurrence; Section 7 ESA concurrence. State: Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification\*, Stream Channel Alteration Permit\*; Historic Sites Review, State Highways Permit, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, Coastal Zone Management Consistency. County: Grading, Grubbing, Excavating and Stockpiling Permits; Subdivision Approval (\* = not yet determined)

**Name of Proposing/  
Approving Agency:** Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Highways Division, Hawai'i District  
**Address** 869 Punchbowl Street, Rm. 301  
**City, State, Zip** Honolulu HI 96813  
**Contact and Phone** Dean Yanagisawa 808-587-1834

**Consultant** Geometrician Associates  
**Address** PO Box 396  
**City, State, Zip** Hilo HI 96721  
**Contact and Phone** Ron Terry 808-969-7090

**Project Summary:** The State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, Hawai'i Division, proposes an arterial connector highway between Māmalahoa Highway, State Route (SR) 190, and Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (SR 19). The eastern terminus of the proposed highway would be at the junction where the realigned Saddle Road (SR 200) meets SR 190, near Milepost 13. The western terminus would be at the junction of SR 19 and Waikoloa Beach Drive. The purpose and need of the Saddle Road Extension project are to: 1) improve the efficiency and operational level of traffic movement between East and West Hawai'i, particularly for traffic on the realigned Saddle Road; 2) improve safety; and 3) support special needs of commercial truck traffic and military traffic.

**Dear Participant:**

Attached for your review is an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice/  
Environmental Assessment (EISP/EA) prepared pursuant to the EIS law (Hawai'i  
Revised Statutes, Chapter 343) and the EIS rules (Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter  
200).

**Project Name: Saddle Road Extension: From Māmalahoa Highway (State Route 190)  
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**Tax Map Key Number: (3rd) 6-8-001:005, 066, 067; 6-8-002:013, 014, 015; 7-1-003:001**

Your comments must be received or postmarked by: **June 22, 2012**

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If you no longer need the EISP/EA, please recycle it. Thank you for your participation in  
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**Dear Librarian:**

Please make available to your patrons the attached Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice/ Environmental Assessment (EISP/EA) prepared pursuant to the EIS law (Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 343) and the EIS rules (Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200), along with this notice. We very much appreciate your assistance in the public process for the EA.

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This notice is to inform you that that an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice/ Environmental Assessment (EISPN/EA) prepared pursuant to the EIS law (Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 343) and the EIS rules (Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 200) is available for review. **As of May 23, 2012, the EA is available for download at: <http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/oeqc/index.html>**

Hardcopies of the EA have been sent to the Thelma Parker (Waimea) Public Library, the Hilo Public Library, the Kailua-Kona Public Library, and the Hawai'i State Library. Limited numbers of hardcopies are also available for private distribution (call 808-969-7090 to request).

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ALISH	Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawai'i
BMP	Best Management Practice
CFLHD	Central Federal Lands Highway Division (of FHWA)
DEM	Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management
DLNR	Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOFAW	(DLNR) Division of Forestry and Wildlife
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EISPN	Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
HDOH	Hawai'i State Department of Health
HDOT	Hawai'i State Department of Transportation
HAR	Hawai'i Administrative Rules
HRS	Hawai'i Revised Statutes
OE	Ordnance and Explosives
OEQC	Hawai'i State Office of Environmental Quality Control
ROD	Record of Decision
SFHA	Special Flood Hazard Area
SHPD/O	State Historic Preservation Division/Officer
TIAR	Traffic Impact Analysis Report
UH	University of Hawai'i
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USNRCS	U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service

SUMMARY

**PROJECT NAME:** SADDLE ROAD EXTENSION: From Māmalahoa Highway (State Route 190) to Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway (State Route 19)

**PROPOSING AGENCIES:** Hawai‘i State Department of Transportation, Highways Division and U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Hawai‘i Division: Contact: Dean Yanagisawa, HDOT: (808) 587-1834, dean.k.yanagisawa@hawaii.gov

**LOCATION:** Waikoloa and Pu‘uanahulu, South Kohala and North Kona Districts, Island of Hawai‘i

**TAX MAP KEY & LAND OWNERSHIP:** (3rd) 6-8-001:005, 066, 067; 6-8-002:013, 014, 015; 7-1-003:001 Owners: Various private, State of Hawai‘i

**CLASS OF ACTION:** Use of federal and State funds and State lands

**DETERMINATION:** Environmental Impact Statement required

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Construct State Highway from Māmalahoa Highway near Milepost 13 to Queen Ka‘ahumanu Highway at Waikoloa Beach Drive

**PURPOSE:** To provide a safe and efficient route for cross-island traffic between East and West Hawai‘i

**STATE LAND USE DISTRICT:** Agricultural

**ZONING:** A-5a, A-20a (Agricultural, min. lot size 5/20 acres), Open

**PERMITS REQUIRED:** *Federal:* Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit\*; Section 106 NHPA concurrence; Section 7 ESA concurrence.  
*State:* Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification\*, Stream Channel Alteration Permit\*; Historic Sites Review, State Highways Permit, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, Coastal Zone Management Consistency.  
*County:* Grading, Grubbing, Excavating and Stockpiling Permits; Subdivision Approval  
(\* = not yet determined)

**ACCEPTING AUTHORITY:** Governor, State of Hawai‘i

## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Description and Purpose and Need

The State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Hawai'i Division, proposes an arterial connector highway between Māmalahoa Highway, State Route (SR) 190, and Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (SR 19) (Figures 1-1 and 1-2). The eastern terminus of the proposed highway would be at the junction where the western terminus of the realigned Saddle Road (SR 200) meets SR 190, near Milepost 13. The western terminus would be at the junction of SR 19 and Waikoloa Beach Drive. The land involved is identified by TMKs: (3<sup>rd</sup>) 6-8-001:005, 066, 067; 6-8-002:013, 014, 015; 7-1-003:001, and is owned by the State of Hawai'i; Waikoloa Mauka, LLC; WQJ2008 Investment LLC; BIVWR Investment LLC; and the Waikoloa Village Association.

#### *Background*

An Environmental Impact Statement for the project was begun in 1999, and an EIS Preparation Notice was released on August 8, 1999. An alternatives study that generated three alternative alignments was completed, and fieldwork was accomplished over the next two years. Subsequently, in November 2003, the U.S. Army began an EIS for the *Army Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT)* project, which included purchase and use of Parker Ranch's Ke'āmuku Parcel, where the western portion of the Saddle Road had been planned, for military training. As the location of the Saddle Road terminus was critical for the Saddle Road Extension project, the Saddle Road Extension was put on hold pending resolution of this issue. The EIS process for the military training concluded in April 2008, and shortly thereafter, the U.S. Army determined that the western terminus of the Saddle Road would have to move south to reasonably accommodate training activities in the newly acquired Ke'āmuku Parcel.

With the information that the western terminus of the Saddle Road would be shifted south, the FHWA undertook engineering studies to relocate the western segment of the Saddle Road and began preparation of the *Saddle Road Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* to study the impacts of this shift. In February 2010, the Final Supplemental EIS was completed and the Record of Decision (ROD) was prepared for the project. The ROD selected the W-7 alignment (see Figure 1-1), with a western terminus relocated about a half-mile south of that presented in the 1999 EIS. This segment of the Saddle Road is currently in construction.

After resolution of this key issue that had placed the Saddle Road Extension project on hold from 2003 to 2010, the Draft EIS for the Saddle Road Extension was finally resumed in late 2011.



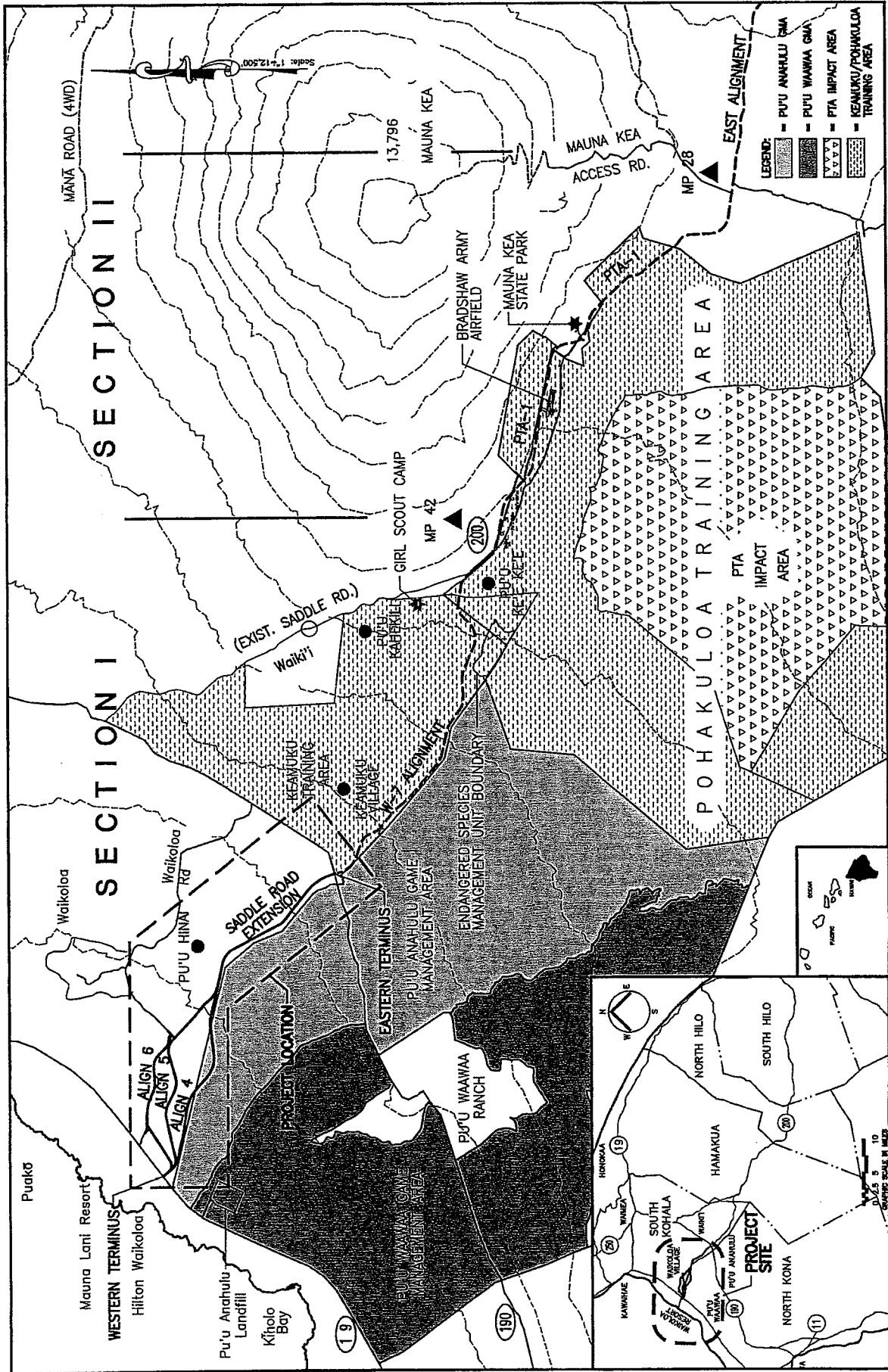
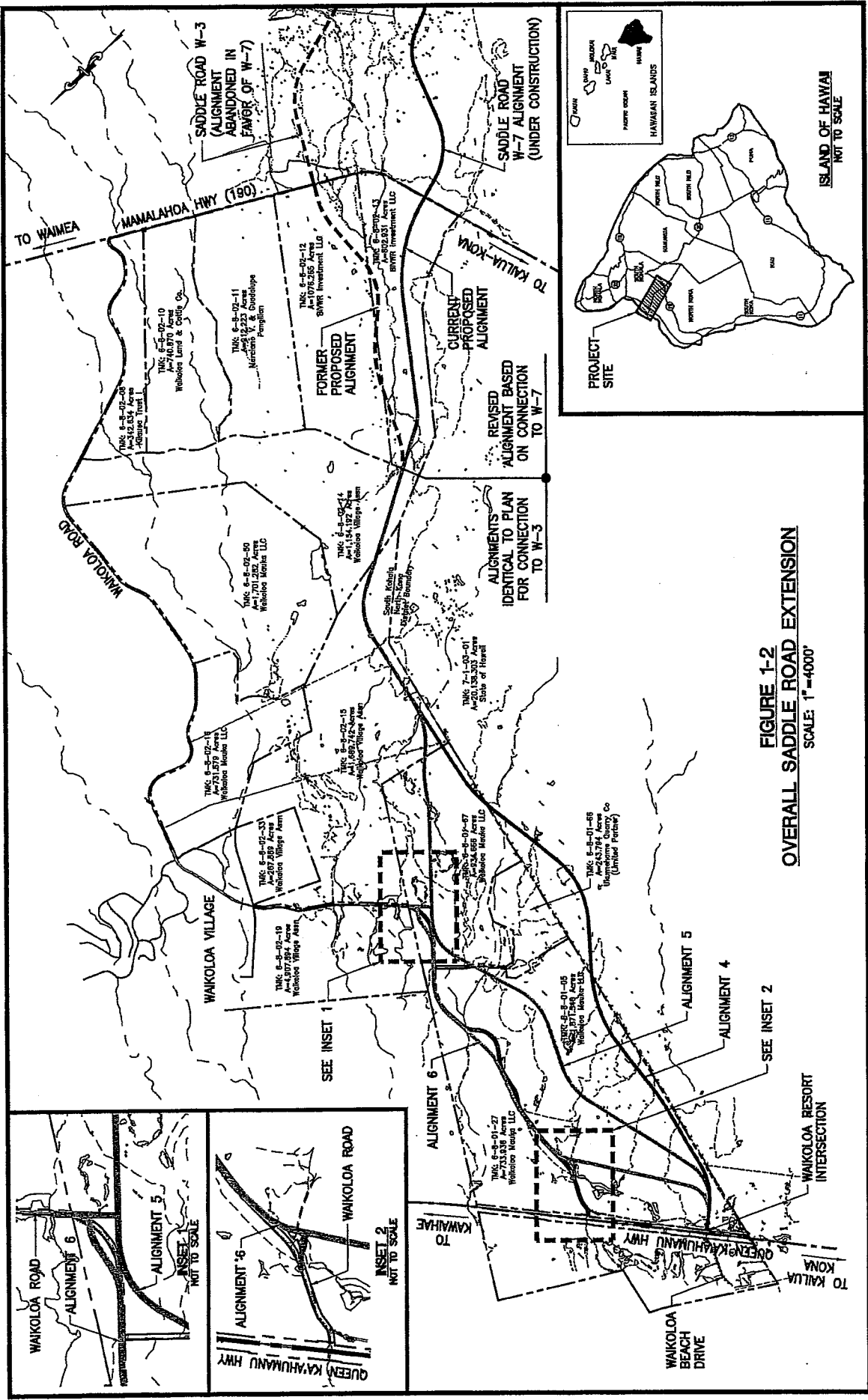


FIGURE 1-1: PROJECT LOCATION AND ALTERNATIVES



**FIGURE 1-2**  
**OVERALL SADDLE ROAD EXTENSION**  
**SCALE: 1"=4000'**

*Purpose and Need for the Project*

Major destinations spurring cross-island traffic on the island of Hawai'i include airports (Keahole and Hilo), harbors (Kawaihae and Hilo), beaches and resorts (South Kohala and Kona), and population centers (Hilo, Waimea, and Kailua-Kona). This demand is currently met by SR 19 (along the Hamakua Coast and through Honokaa and Waimea), by the Saddle Road, and by SR 11 (along the less-used route around the southern end of the island).

Traffic between East and West Hawai'i is forecasted to increase steadily and substantially over the next 20 years, particularly on the Saddle Road and SR 19 routes. The Saddle Road is expected to account for a much larger portion of this traffic than it currently does, because of the major alignment, widening and safety improvements that have been constructed over the last 10 years and will soon be substantially complete (FHWA CFLHD 2010). The new Saddle Road provides a much shorter, faster and safer route between East and West Hawai'i. Traffic models predict a threefold increase in average daily traffic (ADT) on the Saddle Road to about 4,200 by 2020, and to 6,500 by 2034. The existing western segment of the Saddle Road through Waiki'i will remain in use mainly for residences and local access, and should see a drop to 840 ADT after construction, with slow growth thereafter.

The Hawai'i Long Range Land Transportation Plan (HDOT 1998) projected traffic on the existing and various combinations of future highways, and determined that an additional two lanes would be required to handle traffic between Waimea and Kona. This will be partially fulfilled through implementation of the *Master Plan for the Queen Kaahumanu Highway (State Highway 19)* (HDOT 1997), which specifies conversion of this highway to a multi-lane facility, eventually with full access control and grade-separated interchanges, including one at the existing Waikoloa Beach Drive.

When both the Saddle Road and Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway improvements are complete, much of the capacity need will have been satisfied, with one major gap: from the Māmalahoa Highway in the vicinity of Saddle Road to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway. Both the existing and planned termini of Saddle Road are far from most motorists' destinations – i.e., Kailua-Kona and the coastal resort areas of South Kohala (see Fig. 1). Presently, two options are available to access the Kona area. The first is via Māmalahoa Highway (SR 190), which provides a relatively direct (36.7 miles) but winding and narrow route to *mauka* North Kona. This route lacks adequate shoulders for most of its length south of Waikoloa Road, and runs through a highly populated residential area for the last 8.7 miles. The other option is via Waikoloa Road (a County road) and Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (SR 19), for a total distance of 42.8 miles. The longer distance is due to travel along the relatively winding Waikoloa Road for 12.8 miles. Currently, there is no direct route from the existing or planned Saddle Road termini to the South Kohala resort areas along Queen Kaahumanu Highway.

Both existing routes from East to West Hawai'i are circuitous and do not meet standards of modern regional highways. They would require substantial costs to improve, which might not be warranted because they are not oriented properly to serve current or future traffic demand. The

terminus of Saddle Road is now shifting six miles to the south of its current location, but unless this or a similar project is done, the circuitous routes to major destinations will remain the same.

The lack of a modern, State highway connection limits the future function of the Saddle Road as a cross-island arterial. There is thus a need to provide a direct, safe, and efficient link between East Hawai'i and South Kohala/Kona for motorists traveling on Saddle Road.

The project termini for the Saddle Road Extension were set based on accommodating the critical area of expected traffic growth. The eastern or *mauka* project limit is anticipated to be Māmalahoa Highway at the realigned Saddle Road terminus. This limit was selected because it will be the outlet of Saddle Road traffic and thus the future focus point of traffic between East and West Hawai'i. The western or *makai* terminus is the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (SR 19) at Waikoloa Beach Drive, because this provides the shortest route to SR 19, at a point that is forecasted to become the major intersection in this segment of SR 19 (see Figures 1 and 2 for locations).

In summary, the purpose and need of the Saddle Road Extension project are to:

- Improve the efficiency and operational level of traffic movement between East and West Hawai'i, particularly for traffic on the realigned Saddle Road;
- Improve safety; and
- Support special needs of commercial truck traffic and military traffic.

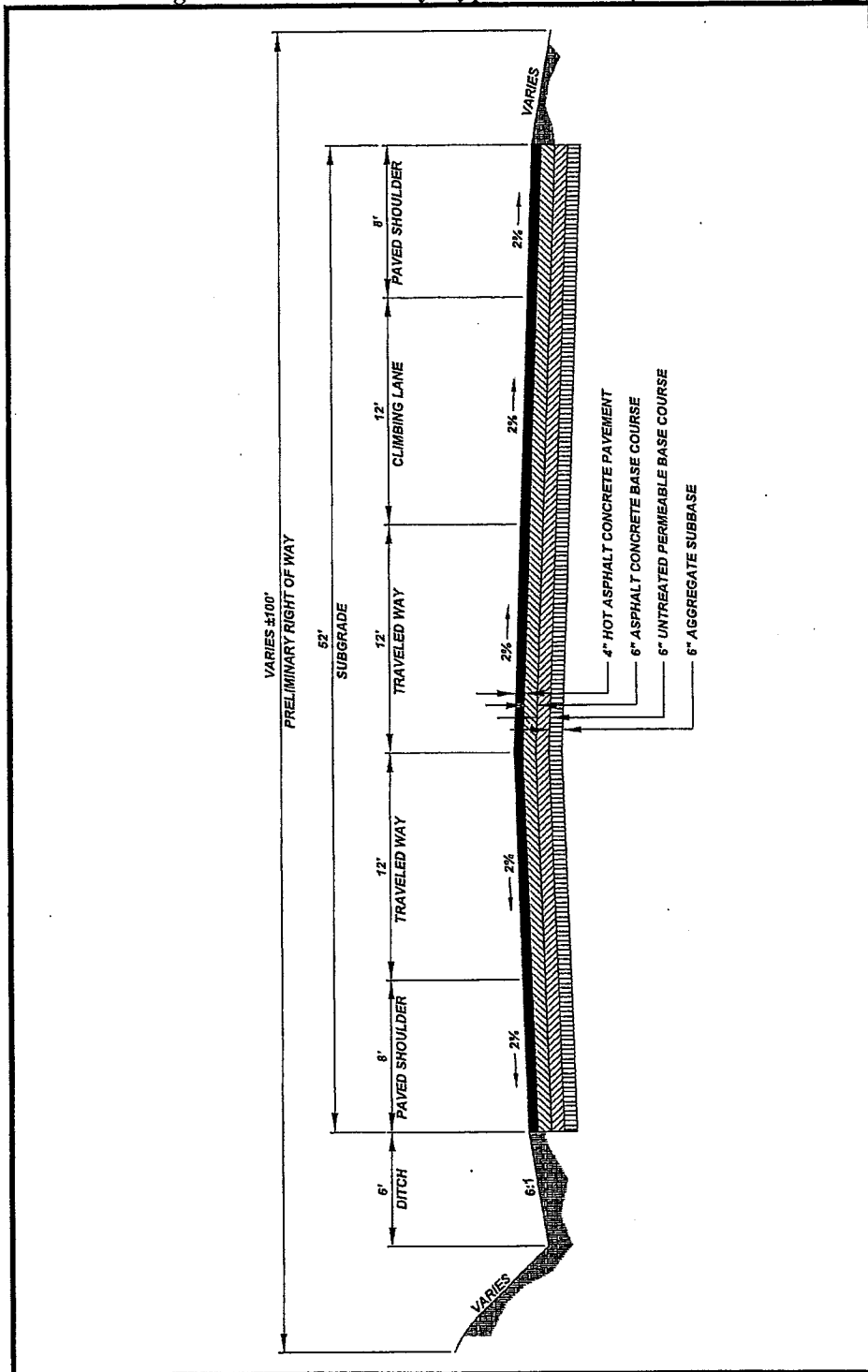
#### *Design Specifications*

The proposed design parameters for the arterial highway are (see Figure 1-3 for Typical Section):

- Right-of-way width: Minimum of 100 feet
- Pavement width: Two 12-foot travel way lanes, a 12-foot climbing lane, and 8-foot shoulders (total pavement width of 52 feet)
- Design speed: 50 mph
- Minimum radius curve: 764 feet
- Maximum superelevation: 10 percent
- Maximum grade: 7 percent
- An emergency runaway truck ramp may be warranted depending on slope and length of grades along the alignment that is selected

The Draft EIS will report preliminary engineering studies that may modify the above specifications.

Figure 1-3 Preliminary Typical Roadway Section



### *Timetable and Cost*

The estimated timetable is as follows:

- Complete the EIS phase: May 2013
- Begin design and right-of-way acquisition: 2014
- Begin construction: 2017
- Complete construction: 2019

The Draft EIS will include estimated construction costs for each alternative. The estimated cost will reflect construction of a new two-lane highway with paved shoulders. Where warranted, the following items will also be included in the estimated construction cost: climbing lane, runaway truck ramp, guardrails, scenic/historical pullout, drainage improvements and intersection modifications.

### **1.2 Alternatives**

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will identify and assess alternatives, including the “no action” alternative. A systematic alternatives analysis was conducted in 2000 and analyzed a wide array of potential alternatives including 11 alignments, Transportation Systems Management/Travel Demand Management (TSM/TDM), and Mass Transit. Of these, three Build Alternative Alignments were advanced for study, as shown in Figures 1-1 and 1-2. The Draft EIS will summarize the analysis and determine if the conclusions reached in 2000 are still valid and whether any additional alternatives or revisions to alternatives are appropriate.

The No Action Alternative is the baseline for comparing how new transportation modifications or improvements would accomplish the purposes related to increasing capacity, improving circulation efficiency, improving traffic safety, and satisfying special needs. It provides a reference base to measure impacts to the social and physical environment, both beneficial and adverse.

### **1.3 Environmental Impact Statement Process**

The use of State funds and possibly State lands trigger environmental review requirements under Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 343. The proposing agency is the State of Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, and the accepting authority to determine the adequacy of the Final EIS is the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, or an authorized representative.

The use of Federal funds also triggers environmental review requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation is the source of federal funds and will be the lead agency for environmental compliance under NEPA. The EIS will be a joint State and federal EIS.

## EISPN/EA: Saddle Road Extension

The preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) begins with publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register, which will be conducted separately, and with publication of the availability of this EIS Preparation Notice/Environmental Assessment (EISPN/EA) in the *Environmental Notice* of the Hawai'i State Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). This EISPN/EA replaces the document published on August 8, 1999.

**Scoping:** Scoping efforts for the EIS will include widespread distribution of the EISPN/EA, a public meeting to be held in Waikoloa during the EISPN/EA comment period, and small-group meetings with agencies, organizations and individuals.

**Draft EIS:** The Draft EIS will document the scoping outreach effort as well as summarize the comments received at meetings. The Draft EIS will include copies of all written comments, and HDOT responses, to the EISPN/EA. The Draft EIS will analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives and the No Action Alternative. The public will have a 45-day period to review the Draft EIS and provide comments. A public hearing will be conducted during the comment period to encourage public participation and comments.

**Final EIS:** HDOT and FHWA will review and respond to the comments received on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will incorporate the comments, and include copies of the comments and responses.

The following entities have received copies of the EISPN/EA or notifications of the availability of the EISPN/EA and are formally invited to participate in the EIS process:

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- U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division
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- U.S. Geological Survey, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory
- U.S. Representative Mazie Hirono and U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka

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The above list is a preliminary identification of parties with interests at stake or who may have pertinent information about the area and the proposed project. HDOT and FHWA welcome and appreciate any assistance in identifying others who have special information or might be adversely affected by the proposed project, and who should therefore be consulted in the process of preparing the EIS.

The EISPN/EA has also been made available at the Kailua-Kona, Hilo, and Thelma Parker (Waimea) Public Libraries and was sent to the *Hawai'i Tribune Herald*, *West Hawai'i Today*, and the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*.

## **PART 2: ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING AND POTENTIAL ISSUES**

The project area is a roughly ten-mile long corridor, which ranges in elevation from about 100 feet to more than 2,600 feet above sea level, between Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and Māmalahoa Highway near the district boundaries of North Kona and South Kohala (see Figures 1-1 and 1-2, above). The average slope from Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway to Māmalahoa Highway is approximately 4.7 percent. The project corridor is roughly bounded by land on or near Waikoloa Road on the north, the Pu'u'anahulu Game Management Area on the south, the Ke'āmuku portion of Pohakuloa Training Area on the east, and the Waikoloa Resort area on the west. The eastern quarter is lightly grazed, a small portion of one alternative traverses a hunting area, and quarrying takes place in the western end, but there are few active land uses or roads, and no structures.

## 2.1 Physical Environment

### 2.1.1 Climate and Air Quality

The elevational range of over 2,500 feet spans several climates. The average annual rainfall area varies from 10 inches at low elevations to about 20 inches at Māmalahoa Highway (Giambelluca et al 2011). Near the coast the average daily high is about 82 degrees F. and the low is about 72 degrees. Temperatures in the higher elevations are 4 to 7 degrees cooler. Temperatures show definite but moderate seasonal variability. Northeast trades often blow at speeds exceeding 25 miles per hour, with slower speed upslope winds also occurring.

Although the State of Hawai'i operates a network of air quality monitoring stations around the state, systematic data are not available for South Kohala. It is generally accepted that all criteria pollutants in the State are well within standards, at least on a regional basis. The adequate air quality for pollutants other than particulates is mainly influenced by the isolation of the island from any outside sources of air pollution. However, the Hawai'i carbon monoxide criteria, which are more stringent than the federal standards, may be exceeded on occasion near high-volume intersections during periods when traffic congestion and poor dispersion conditions coincide.

Volcanic emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) from Kilauea Volcano convert into particulate sulfate, forming a volcanic haze, locally called vog. Vog becomes trapped in the atmosphere of Kona (to the south of the project area) because of the diurnal wind reversal, which creates a largely closed airshed system. South Kohala receives small quantities of vog from winds blowing north from Kona, although in general it is kept away by dominant trade winds. Air quality is generally excellent, as combustion-derived air pollution in the entire State of Hawai'i is minimal.

In addition, major manmade air pollution sources on the island of Hawai'i include oil-fired power plants, which emit SO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and particulate matter (PM), as well as motor vehicles, which emit carbon monoxide (CO), NO<sub>x</sub>, and hydrocarbons (an ozone precursor), plus small amounts of other pollutants.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will address the following potential issues:

- Construction impacts. The Draft EIS will address development of an effective dust control plan to avoid or mitigate impacts. The plan may include watering of active work areas, wind screens, covering of open-bodied trucks carrying soil or rock, and other elements.
- Long term regional and microscale impacts from motor vehicle emissions from project-related traffic. The Draft EIS will discuss air quality impacts from motor vehicles, including Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs). This subset of the 188 air toxics defined

by the Clean Air Act involves compounds emitted from highway vehicles and non-road equipment.

### 2.1.2 Topography and Soils

West Hawai'i is the product of Pleistocene and Holocene lava flows and pyroclastic deposits from four volcanos: Kohala, Mauna Kea, Mauna Loa, and Hualālai. Within the project area, the southern portion consists mostly of 'a'a (clinkery) and pāhoehoe (smooth or ropy) lava from eruptions of Mauna Loa. The northern portion is mostly Mauna Kea lava flows of various ages, in places discontinuously mantled by pyroclastic, windblown or colluvial deposits. A few scoria cones from Mauna Kea are also present, as well as some Hualālai lavas not completely covered by later Mauna Loa flows.

The topography is moderately sloped and irregularly rolling, typical of lava flows. A number of cinder cones of moderate height (mostly less than 100 feet) punctuate this surface. Lava tubes, which are the long cavities left behind by underground channels of lava, are common on pāhoehoe lava flows in the area. Lava tubes may be valuable for scientific, recreational, archaeological, biological and other purposes.

Soil types within the project area consist of pāhoehoe lava flows (rLW), 'a'a lava flows (rLV), Puu Pa, Punaluu, Kamakoa, and Waikoloa soils (Sato et al 1973):

- Puu Pa soils (PVD, PWD) consist of well-drained extremely stony very fine sandy loams that form in volcanic ash. They are located on the uplands at elevations ranging from 1,000 feet to 2,500 feet in elevation. Normal rainfall in these areas is from 20 to 30 inches annually. This soil series is underlain by fragmental 'a'a lava. Permeability is moderately rapid, runoff is medium and the erosion hazard is moderate.
- Punaluu soils (rPYD) consist of well-drained, thin organic soils over pāhoehoe lava bedrock. These soils lay in elevations ranging from gentle slopes to moderately steep areas. The soils are at an elevation ranging from near sea level to 1,000 feet and receive from 60 to 90 inches of rainfall annually. They are underlain by pāhoehoe lava bedrock. The peat is rapidly permeable. The pāhoehoe lava is very slowly permeable, but water moves through the cracks. Runoff is slow, and the erosion hazard is slight.
- Kamakoa soils (KGC) consist of somewhat well-drained very fine sandy loams that form in recent alluvium. These soils range in elevation from 1,000 feet to 4,000 feet and receive 20 to 40 inches of rainfall annually. They occur as long, narrow areas along shallow, intermittent streams. The soils are underlain by alternate layers of fine, medium, and coarse sand and gravel. These soils and Puu Pa and Waikoloa soils are in the same general area. Permeability is rapid, runoff is slow, and the erosion hazard is slight.
- Waikoloa soils (WLC) consist of well-drained very fine sandy loams that formed in volcanic ash. These soils are gently sloping to moderately sloping. These soils are on upland at elevations ranging from 1,500 to 4,000 feet and receive 20 to 30 inches of rainfall annually. The soils appear as a dark reddish-brown very fine sandy loam. Permeability is moderate, runoff is medium, and the erosion hazard is moderate.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will include best management practices to control soil erosion during construction. The Draft EIS will also map lava tube caves and skylights, and evaluate avoidance and mitigation measures. Operational (post-construction) impacts and mitigation measures are discussed in Section 2.1.4.

### 2.1.3 Geologic Hazards

The Waikoloa area is rated Lava Flow Hazard Zone 8 on a scale of ascending risk 9 to 1. Zone 8 areas have had only a few percent of their surfaces covered by lava within the past 10,000 years. South of Waikoloa, but still within the project area, are Mauna Loa surfaces classified as Zone 3 Hazard Zones. During the past 750 years, lava flows have covered about 15 to 20 percent of Zone 3 on Mauna Loa. As such, there is variable risk of lava inundation in the project area over relatively short time scales (Heliker 1990). In terms of seismic risk, the entire Island of Hawai'i is rated Zone 4 Seismic Hazard (Uniform Building Code, Appendix Chapter 25, Section 2518). Zone 4 areas are at risk from major earthquake damage, especially to structures that are poorly designed or built, as the 6.7-magnitude (Richter) quake of October 15, 2006, demonstrated. It should be noted that ground shaking during a strong earthquake may vary substantially within a small area because of the nature of the substrate.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will discuss the probability of lava flows within the studied alternative alignments and conformance of the highway design to seismic standards.

### 2.1.4 Water Resources and Drainage

There are no wetlands, special aquatic sites or perennial streams within the project area. There are several intermittent streams in the uplands that appear to drain into confined basins and cease to channelize. The lower area contains several lava flow channels that have been incorrectly mapped on topographic maps as streams.

Several drinking water wells are present in the Waikoloa area, although none are present in any of the currently planned alternative alignments. No Principal or Sole Source Aquifers designated under Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act are present on the Island of Hawai'i.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) have not been prepared for any locations within the project area, which is thus located entirely within Zone X, areas not known to be within the 500-year flood plain. Local ephemeral drainages may overflow after very heavy rains.

*Potential Issues.* Highway projects have the potential, if not mitigated, to adversely affect existing natural and man-made drainage systems. Highways also increase the proportion of impervious surface in an area, adding to total runoff, which may necessitate additional drainage facilities. Potential impacts to water quality in streams and other water bodies can also result from highway construction and operation. Sources include soil erosion during construction and highway utilization; contaminants associated with heavy equipment and other sources during

construction; chemical pollutants during utilization of highway, including hydrocarbons (gas, grease, oil, etc.) and heavy metals; solids from tire and pavement wear, brake shoe and drum wear, rust, car exhaust, mud and dirt from vehicle bodies, erosion from highway right of way, pavement maintenance, litter, and spilled loads; and herbicides applied along highway verges.

The Draft EIS will:

- Report the determination by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as to whether waters of the U.S. are present and will be affected by any advanced alternative. If so, the EIS will provide a discussion of impacts, alternatives, and mitigation related to waters of the U.S. in the context of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any fill in waters of the U.S. could require a Section 404 Permit for Dredge and Fill in the Waters of the U.S from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Health. If streams are present, a Stream Channel Alteration Permit may also be required from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).
- Assess the extent of runoff from the increased area of impervious paved surfaces and discuss the drainage improvements that will be required in order to ensure that there are no adverse impacts and that all highway runoff is handled appropriately.
- Discuss best management practices to minimize erosion and polluted runoff that are expected to be implemented as part of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, in keeping with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that will be sought prior to initiating major grading activities.
- Discuss development of "Good Housekeeping" and Spill Prevention plans for emergency spill treatment, storage, and disposal of all hazardous materials, both within construction limits and at staging areas, in accordance with the most recent version of FHWA's Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, Federal Acquisition Regulations, and appropriate EPA regulations.
- Evaluate and propose mitigation for secondary impacts to water quality as applicable.
- Discuss the characteristics and quality of existing aquifers and assess impacts, proposing mitigation if appropriate.

### 2.1.5 Biological Resources

The natural vegetation of the project area is made up of various Lowland Dry communities including forests, woodlands, shrublands and grasslands (Gagne and Cuddihy 1990). These original communities, however, have been destroyed or heavily degraded throughout much of the project area and the surrounding region. The current vegetation of the project area, which has been used mainly for ranching, is dominated by the drought-resistant, introduced fountain grass (*Cenchrus setaceus*) and buffel grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*). Areas that have not been as heavily grazed may support a few sparse stands of native trees and shrubs. The Lowland Dry Forests and Lowland Dry Woodlands were once highly diverse in terms of ecosystem types and number of tree species. These ecosystems include simple 'ohi'a (*Metrosideros polymorpha*) forests, especially on younger lava flows, and more developed types including lama (*Diospyros sandwicensis*) forests and wiliwili (*Erythrina sandwicensis*) forests. Throughout Hawai'i, most of these ecosystems have been severely degraded by human activity and many of their species are now rare and/or endangered. Remnants of these three ecosystem types occur in general South Kohala/North Kona area, especially on the young lava flows. However, fountain grass has also invaded many of these less-disturbed shrub and woodland communities, becoming the dominant ground cover and promoting fire that further degrades the natural vegetation.

Few endangered or threatened plant species are known to occur within the project area. At least one halapepe (*Pleomele hawaiiensis*) and one uhiuhi (*Caesalpinia kawaiensis*), both of which are listed endangered trees, were previously known in the area. At the present time, it is believed that no endangered or threatened plant species are present in the area that would be affected under any alignment alternative. However, the surrounding region of leeward Hawai'i contain many endangered and other rare species. These include numerous species found at higher elevations to the east in the Pohakuloa Training Area (Arnett 2002), several species to the south in the dry forests of Pu'u Wa'awa'a, Kaupulehu and further south (Terry et al 2005; Hart 2003), and a scattering of species to the north found in the Waikoloa Dry Forest Preserve and on the pu'u and other rugged sites of Parker Ranch (Cuddihy et al 1982). It is possible that some of these could occur in the project area. The botanical research performed for the Draft EIS will include special attention to surveying once again for such species.

Hawai'i's sole extant endemic terrestrial mammal, the Hawaiian Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*), or ope'ape'a, is listed as endangered by both the USFWS and the DLNR. It may forage or nest in the project area. All other mammal species found on the island are alien species (introduced to Hawai'i by man). In the project area these may include feral goats, donkeys, dogs, cats, rats, mice and mongooses.

The birds found within the project area are mostly introduced species, which is typical in most of the ecologically disturbed lowland areas of Hawai'i. It is likely that the Hawaiian Hawk (*Buteo solitarius*), known locally as the 'Io, can be observed at least occasionally within the project area. This hawk is listed as an endangered species by both the USFWS and the DLNR. Additionally it is probable that the site is overflowed by the threatened Newell's Shearwater (*Puffinus newelli*), or A'o, as well as the endangered Dark-rumped Petrel (*Pterodroma*

*phaeopygia sandwichensis*), or *Ua'u*. In addition, the endangered Nene (*Nesochen sandvicensis*) has colonized the Waikoloa Village Golf Course since 2005, and may have resting habitat within the project area.

The invertebrate fauna of the project area, or for that matter of most of the Island of Hawai'i, has not been studied scientifically or completely described. In general, native invertebrate species are associated with native vegetation. However, the endangered Blackburn's Sphinx Moth (*Manduca blackburnii*) utilizes non-native host plants in the Solanaceae family, especially tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), a common alien that is present in the general area. Lava tubes may also provide habitat for certain native invertebrates, even when under alien dominated vegetation.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will include the results of botanical and faunal surveys that will focus especially on the presence of species listed as endangered, threatened, or proposed by the USFWS and/or DLNR that are likely to occur in the project area. The Draft EIS will discuss, and compare by alternative, direct impacts to specific biotic components as well as secondary and cumulative impacts, such as wildfire hazard and import of fill, and will propose minimization and mitigation measures as necessary.

## 2.2 Socioeconomic and Cultural Characteristics

### 2.2.1 Social and Growth-Inducing Impacts

Population on the Big Island doubled from about 92,000 in 1980 to over 185,000 in 2010 (Hawai'i DBEDT 2010). Although East Hawai'i still has most of the island's residents, much growth over the last 15 years has been concentrated in West Hawai'i, where most tourist resorts and hotels are located. On any given day, visitors account for over 5 percent of the de facto population – and most are in West Hawai'i.

Kona's largest population center, and the area most directly affected by increased traffic and economic opportunity associated with the Saddle Road, is found in Kailua-Kona (2010 pop. 11,975) (see Figure 1-1). The settlement nearest the project area in North Kona is Pu'uuanahulu, located on Māmalahoa Highway. In South Kohala, Waimea (pop. 9,212) and Waikoloa (pop. 6,362) are the largest towns. Waiki'i (est. pop. 50) is located directly adjacent to Saddle Road just east of the project area. There are no homes within several miles of any of the alternative corridors except at the far western end, where resort homes are present within 1,500 feet, but located across Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway.

*Potential Issues.* New or improved transportation systems or highways can increase population because new or better access creates development opportunities, and more indirectly through increased tourism jobs or other factors that expand the economy. Various social effects often ensue, such as population increases. Analysis of the direct and indirect effects of the project alternatives will be undertaken in the EIS. The Draft EIS will identify the location of minority

and low-income populations and analyze project effects on them in accordance with the federal requirements relating to environmental justice.

### 2.2.2 Economic

Starting in the late 1990s, the economy of the Big Island emerged from a slump that began with the Persian Gulf War of 1991, when tourism fell off dramatically and sugar plantations closed. This was temporarily interrupted by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, along with the Afghanistan and Iraq wars that followed. After 2003, the economy again grew strongly until 2007, fueled by proliferation of luxury resort residential subdivisions and the rise of real estate values. The State of Hawai'i appears to be in the early stages of emerging from the worldwide recession that was caused by the mortgage and real estate problems that began in 2008, although unemployment on the Big Island remains stubbornly high.

Economic diversification in West Hawai'i is evidenced by technology industries centered around the Natural Energy Laboratory Hawai'i and astronomical base facilities in Waimea, diversified agriculture, and various services industries. East Hawai'i's economy is centered on agriculture, retail and wholesale businesses, services, and particularly the government and educational functions headquartered in Hilo. In addition, hundreds of workers commute in private vehicles or buses to the resort areas of South Kohala for jobs, and traffic involving sales and services between East and West Hawai'i continues to grow. Increasingly congested conditions on SR 19 through Honokaa and Waimea, exacerbated by steady growth in Waimea and maintenance work on the highway, have led many motorists to use the Saddle Road more frequently.

*Potential Issues.* Construction of the project would create jobs and increase purchases of materials and equipment, raising incomes and generating revenues to the State of Hawai'i and the federal government through income and excise taxes. Large construction projects, in some cases, may lead to in-migration of workers. Direct construction jobs typically consist of on-site laborers, tradesmen, equipment operators, supervisors, etc. Jobs associated with the design and construction management work typically consist of surveyors, geologists, engineers, inspectors, and administrative staff. It is likely that most project-related jobs would be filled by residents from the island of Hawai'i already employed within the engineering and construction fields. Through potential increases in population, the project also has the potential to generate various other State and County expenditures and revenues. Tertiary effects include potentially increased or decreased labor availability, and changes for highway-based businesses. The Draft EIS will evaluate whether the construction and operation of the Saddle Road Extension project would have adverse impacts on local employment, housing and highway-based businesses in Waikoloa and Waimea.

### 2.2.3 Historic and Cultural Resources

The project area extends through various elevational and environmental zones. Within most of the area in the upper elevations, expected archaeological features would include *mauka/makai* trails, temporary habitations, and post-Contact features such as walls and cattle related



structures. Less likely are utilized lava tubes, shrines, burials, or resource exploitation areas (such as rock quarries).

At lower elevations near Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, the frequency of pre-Contact sites may be expected to increase. Abrader depression and scoria quarry areas might also occur. An archaeological preserve has been proposed near the quarry on Waikoloa Road in order to protect a cluster of already documented sites. The Draft EIS will discuss the relationship of the project to the archaeological sites and will propose measures to avoid or mitigate impacts.

Various parts of inland North Kona and South Kohala are known to have value and meaning for traditional, ceremonial, and gathering purposes. A Traditional Cultural Property, as defined by National Register Bulletin 38 (National Park Service, 1990), is any historic property associated with the traditional practices and beliefs of an ethnic community or members of that community for more than fifty years. Traditional Cultural Properties may not be archaeologically visible. Discovery of such places often relies on archival research and interviews with knowledgeable residents and cultural practitioners. Cultural practices that should be properly assessed may include subsistence, commercial, residential, agricultural, access-related, recreational, and religious and spiritual customs (Hawai'i State OEQC, 1997).

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will document compliance with federal requirements set forth in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act, as well as State requirements set forth in Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E. In identifying cultural issues and impacts, the Draft EIS will include a Cultural Impact Assessment consistent with Chapter 343, HRS, and OEQC's Guidelines for Assessing Cultural Impacts (November 1997). This EISPN/EA is one of a number of outreach techniques for identifying such people and encouraging their involvement. The archaeological and cultural investigations that will be performed for the Draft EIS will include intensive surveys of all affected areas, investigation of records, and discussions with appropriate experts, residents and practitioners.

#### 2.2.4 Noise

Noise-sensitive receptors in the project area are limited to the urban uses contained within Waikoloa Village, which is a minimum of two miles from any currently proposed alternative alignments, and the far western end, where resort homes are present within 1,500 feet, but across Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway.

*Potential Issues.* An analysis of noise impacts in accordance with FHWA and HDOT policy will be conducted if any alternatives directly or indirectly have the potential to increase noise levels in these areas. Noise during construction will be mitigated through compliance with the Department of Health Community Noise Control Rules which define maximum permissible noise levels for construction equipment and prescribe mitigation measures to achieve these levels.

### 2.2.5 Scenic Resources

The County of Hawai'i General Plan identifies sites and vistas of natural beauty. In general, the scenic values here are derived from the wide vistas of volcanoes, grasslands, and coastal waters, and the high contrast between the moist uplands and arid lowlands, and between the stark lava flows and the windswept grasslands. In particular, the General Plan identifies the viewplane looking *mauka* and *makai* from the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway. There are two prominent cinder cones within the project area: Pu'u Hinai and Pu'u Anahulu.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will include an evaluation of the scenic impacts of the project, including the opportunities to provide new scenic vistas and the impacts on *pu'u* (cinder cones) within the project area.

### 2.2.6 Recreational Resources

Although there are no public parks within the project area, the State Pu'u'anahulu hunting area is at the far south of the project area and is crossed by a short extent of one of the three alternative alignments identified to date. Recreational areas along the coast outside the project area are prime trip destinations that will generate traffic along the proposed corridor. These coastal recreational resources include: Spencer Beach Park (County park), Kauna'oa (Mauna Kea Resort) Beach (public access, privately maintained), Hāpuna Beach Park (State park), and 'Anaeho'omalū Bay (public access, privately maintained). The State is also developing a State Park at Kīholo Bay. Of critical importance is a public shooting range in Pu'u'anahulu near the West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill that is being planned by the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife, with County cooperation and potential federal hunter education match-funding.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will analyze the impacts on hunting areas. The Draft EIS will also analyze any direct or indirect impacts on parks and other recreational resources, including the future shooting range, in accordance with the federal Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act requirements.

### 2.2.7 Hazardous Substances/Conditions

No sources of industrial hazardous materials or toxic substances are currently known to be present in the project area, which has been lightly used for grazing over the last century. The distribution of such materials or substances on or flanking the existing highways is currently unknown. However, military training activities have left several types of hazards in the general region.

Much of South Kohala is known to contain unexploded ordnance that resulted from training during World War II. The U.S. Navy utilized 91,000 acres in Waikoloa in December of 1943 for an artillery firing range and troop maneuvers. Property comprising the Waikoloa Maneuver Area was surrendered back to Parker Ranch in September 1946. At least two ordnance clearing efforts were conducted, one in 1946 just prior to the departure of the 5th Marine Division, and

the other in 1954 following accidental detonation of a dud fuse or shell killing two civilians and seriously injuring three others. Ordnance and explosives (OE) continue to be discovered at the former Waikoloa Maneuver Area as land development progresses.

In order to address this problem, the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, teamed to produce a Phase II Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area and Nansay Sites, Island of Hawai'i, Hawai'i (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2002). The report documented the decision process to determine the most appropriate OE response actions for the former Waikoloa Maneuver Area and Nansay Sites. The project has been expanded from 123,000 acres to 135,000 acres in recognition of concern over OE between Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and the sea, where resorts continue to develop. A program of OE removal was developed and is currently being implemented. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has overseen completion of ordnance clearing on several thousand acres. There have been no reported discoveries of OE within the actual project area (U.S. Army COE, 2002: 2-18).

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will include evaluation of the potential for the presence of hazardous material and toxic substances in the project area. The Draft EIS will also discuss the issue of OE and the appropriate procedures to respond to this situation prior to and during construction.

### **2.2.8 Agricultural Value of Land**

Of the three categories of valuable agricultural land identified in Hawai'i through the *Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawaii* (ALISH) map series (Baker 1976), Ke'āmuku contains some Other Important Agricultural Lands but no Prime or Unique Agricultural Lands. Other Important Agricultural Lands are those lands of statewide or local importance for agricultural use, other than those classified as Prime or Unique. They make up roughly 18 percent of the county's land area.

*Potential Issues:* The Draft EIS will evaluate the agricultural value of the land through map data, including soil types, ALISH, and Land Study Bureau, and also through consultation with federal, State, and local agricultural officials and organizations.

## **2.3 Public Facilities, Utilities, and Services**

### **2.3.1 Highways, Roads and Traffic**

Existing facilities in the project area include Saddle Road (SR 200), Māmalahoa Highway (SR 190), Waikoloa Road (a County facility), and Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (SR 19). Inter-regional traffic has increased and reoriented with greater use of Saddle Road.

*Potential Issues:* The Draft EIS will discuss the results of a Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR) that will assess traffic conditions that would result from implementation of the project

using each of the three alternatives conceptualized to date, or any other alternatives that might be advanced for study, and the No Action Alternative. Appropriate intersection configurations, issues related to access for private properties, and mitigation measures will also be identified. The Draft EIS will include analysis of secondary and cumulative impacts relative to traffic redistribution, along with a discussion of the status of the various regional highway projects and the potential interaction they would have with the Saddle Road Extension.

### 2.3.2 Water Supply and Electric Utilities

Electrical power on the island of Hawai'i is supplied by Hawai'i Electric Light Company (HELCO), a privately owned utility company regulated by the State Public Utilities Commission. Hawaiian Telcom and Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc., provide telephone and telecommunications services. There is no County water supply in the project area, but private water companies serve Waikoloa Village.

*Potential Issues.* Since there are no electrical and water utilities along the proposed right-of-way, no streetlights or landscaping is planned for the project. There is a possibility that the eastern and western termini intersections at Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and Māmalahoa Highway will require electrical utility, and currently there are existing utility lines in these areas.

The Draft EIS will identify the proposed highway's effects on utilities, including utility relocation or system expansion, and propose mitigation measures if appropriate.

### 2.3.3 Solid Waste

Solid waste generated in West Hawai'i is disposed of at the West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill, a 300-acre facility that is situated directly south of the project area in Pu'uanahulu, North Kona. This landfill is expected to be able to serve the County's needs well into the future. The County Department of Environmental Management is planning substantial recycling facility enhancement over the next five years that will include facilities to deal with green waste and a variety of other materials.

*Potential Issues.* Highway construction would involve excavation, filling and grading. Engineers attempt to balance cut and fill to the extent feasible so that minimal fill material will require disposal. Highway construction also generates solid waste in the form of packaging for building materials, detergents, paint, metals, and solvents, as well as demolition of existing materials at intersections, etc. The Draft EIS will assess the nature of the waste that will be generated by construction of the proposed highway and will propose "Good Housekeeping" plans that minimize generation of solid waste, emphasize full use of materials and recycling, and specify proper disposal of all solid waste.

### 2.3.4 Emergency Services

Highway accidents, wildfires, and medical and police emergencies within Waikoloa Village are among the emergency situations within the project area that currently rely on Waikoloa Road for access.

*Potential Issues.* The Draft EIS will analyze the benefits to emergency response for police, fire, and medical purposes, as well as the increased areas of responsibility and risk of wildfires.

### 2.4 Secondary and Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts may be defined as impacts on the environment which result from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (federal or non-federal) or person undertakes the action (Council on Environmental Quality [CEQ] 1997:v).

The Draft EIS will contain a list of other projects – development, transportation, recreation and others – and an analysis of how the impacts of the proposed Saddle Road Extension relate to the cumulative impacts of the other projects.

Transportation projects sometimes have the potential to induce secondary physical and social impacts that are only indirectly related to the particular project. The Draft EIS will address secondary impacts within each individual resource area under discussion, and then present a summary of these impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

### 2.5 Consistency With Government Plans and Policies

The Draft EIS will contain a discussion of the consistency of the project with a number of County and State plans and policies. Among those discussed will be:

*The Hawai'i State Plan.* Adopted in 1978 and last revised in 1991 (Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 226, as amended), the Plan establishes a set of themes, goals, objectives and policies that are meant to guide the State's long-run growth and development activities. The three themes that express the basic purpose of the *Hawai'i State Plan* are individual and family self-sufficiency, social and economic mobility, and community or social well-being.

*Hawai'i State Functional Plans.* The *Hawai'i State Plan* provides for the preparation of Functional Plans by the State agencies responsible for certain program areas. There are twelve Functional Plans dealing with specific areas of concern, and each contains objectives, policies, and implementing actions necessary to accomplish the goals of the plan. State Functional Plans cover the program areas of agriculture, transportation, conservation lands, housing, tourism, historic preservation, energy, recreation, education, health, human services and employment. Applicable Functional Plans will be discussed.

*Hawai'i State Land Use Law.* All land in the State of Hawai'i is classified into one of four land use categories – Urban, Rural, Agricultural, or Conservation – by the State Land Use Commission, pursuant to Chapter 205, HRS. Highways are permissible uses in all State Land Use Districts. The Draft EIS will include a map depicting State Land Use Districts in the project area.

*Coastal Zone Management.* The purpose of Chapter 205A, HRS, is to preserve, protect, develop and where possible, enhance the resources of the coastal zone. The Draft EIS will address the conformity of the project with the relevant sections of Chapter 205A, HRS.

*Hawai'i County General Plan.* The *General Plan* for the County of Hawai'i is a policy document expressing the broad goals and policies for the long-range development of the Island of Hawai'i. The plan was adopted by ordinance in 2005. The *General Plan* itself is organized into thirteen elements, with policies, objectives, standards, and principles for each. There are also discussions of the specific applicability of each element to the nine judicial districts comprising the County of Hawai'i. Section 4 of the *General Plan* includes a discussion of general goals. In Section 5, courses of action for individual districts are proposed, and the Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) map component guides development of various areas. The Draft EIS will address the goals, objectives, standards, and courses of action in the General Plan. It will also discuss the South Kohala Community Development Plan, which was developed under the framework of the General Plan. Community Development Plans are intended to translate broad General Plan Goals, Policies, and Standards into implementation actions as they apply to specific geographical regions around the County. CDPs are also intended to serve as a forum for community input into land-use, delivery of government services and any other matters relating to the planning area.

*West Hawai'i Regional Plan.* This plan (Hawai'i OSP, 1989) represents an attempt to coordinate planning efforts among State agencies that have programs, facilities and other interests in the region. The basic purposes are to respond more effectively to emerging needs and critical problems, to coordinate Capital Improvements within a regional planning framework, and to provide guidance in State land use decision-making processes. The Draft EIS will discuss the proposed action in the context of the entire plan.

## **2.6 Required Permits and Approvals**

The following permits and approvals are known at this time to be required or potentially required:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Section 404 Clean Water Act Permit (potential)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Section 7 Endangered Species Act Concurrence
- State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Historic Preservation Division: Chapter 6e HRS and Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Concurrence
- State DLNR: Stream Channel Alteration Permit (potential)

- State Department of Transportation: State Highways Permit
- State Department of Health (DOH): Section 404 Water Quality Certification (potential)
- State DOH: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
- State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program: CZM Federal Consistency
- County Planning Department: Subdivision Approval
- County Dept. of Public Works: Grading, Grubbing, Excavating and Stockpiling Permits

During the preparation of the Draft EIS, coordination with various government agencies to research permit requirements will occur. A full list of permits necessary for the various stages of the project will then be provided.

**PART 3. DETERMINATION**

The State Department of Transportation has determined that the project may cause significant impacts and therefore has decided to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

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**Department of Land and Natural Resources  
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State of Hawaii  
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Testimony of  
Piilani Kaawaloa  
Aha Moku Advisory Committee - Hawaii

Before the House Committee on Finance

Thursday, February 25, 2016  
1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

**In Consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2528 HD1  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII ON THE  
ISLAND OF HAWAII**

House Bill 2528 appropriates funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii Island public shooting facility. **The Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.**

The Aha Moku – Moku O Keawe, with its six moku and 197 ahupua'a, is the largest of the main Hawaiian Islands with strong rural communities with many of the residents engaging in hunting activities for game and subsistence. For years, the people have been supporting and asking for a public shooting facility where one can practice target shooting in safety, and where hunting protocols and safety issues can be taught if needed. As a site supported by communities in West Hawaii, Pu'uana'hulu is considered to be a safe and isolated area away from residences and businesses. We support this measure which will continue the development of a Hawaii Island public shooting range.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony and we ask that this committee pass this measure.

## **Testimony in favor of West Hawaii Shooting Facility on the Island of Hawaii**

As BOTH a resident and visitor to the Big Island, the **funding of a West Hawaii Shooting Facility on the Island of Hawaii should be approved in full.**

### **This facility is greatly needed for many of the reasons already articulated:**

- There is NO LEGAL place to discharge a firearm, other than a shotgun or when hunting, on the Big Island.
- Yet, sales and imports of firearms continue to rise.
- SAFETY and proficient use of firearms only comes with hands-on practice, yet the Island of Hawaii has no public access facility to do so (other than Trap and Skeet, for just 3 days of the week in Hilo).
- The facility will increase and improve the SAFE use and training of firearms in Hawaii
- The facility will actually INCREASE Hawaii's hospitality industry revenues and the associated tax revenues.

### **The opposition to this facility by the Kohala Resorts/Organizations is purely emotional and not based in facts:**

- Data shows that gunfire from the shooting facility will not be heard at the Kohala resorts nor at the residences.
- There is virtually no flora or fauna at the identified site that can be harmed. The environmental impact statement will be thorough and complete.
- The records of shooting facilities show they are extremely safe, and will not harm or kill people.

NOTE: NONE of above can be said about Blue Hawaii Helicopters, Hilton's Dolphin shows, the County's Waste Transfer station or even the traffic on Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy, which are all adjacent to the shooting facility site.

Sincerely,

Kurt Goldsmith  
78-261 Maunukai St. #203  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Testimony Submittal Date: February 24, 2016

Testifier Name: Richard H. Schaefer

Position and Organization: Director, Waikoloa Resort Association  
Homeowner & Full-time Resident, Waikoloa Colony Villas

House Committees: FIN (House Committee on Finance)

Hearing Date and Time: February 25, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Measure Number: HB2528

Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB2528. I do so as a homeowner and full-time resident on the Island of Hawai'i, as a member of the Board of Directors of Waikoloa Resort Association (in which capacity I represent over 1,000 homeowners), and as a member of the Pu'u Anahulu Sound Assessment Working Group (which Working Group was tasked by the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a recommended scope of work for additional sound assessments regarding a proposed shooting facility adjacent to the Pu'u Anahulu landfill in West Hawai'i on the Island of Hawai'i).

HB2528 states that a site for the proposed public shooting range has been selected, which site is adjacent to the Pu'u Anahulu landfill, the same site for which I served on the Sound Assessment Working Group. Regarding this proposed site, I unequivocally render my opinion that a shooting range at this location would have a devastating effect on the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

My opinion is based on: (i) a review conducted by me and an independent acoustical engineer of the three sound assessment reports that have been prepared; (ii) my being able to hear gunshots within the Waikoloa Beach Resort from the proposed Pu'u Anahulu site during the most recent sound assessment; and (iii) my educational and professional background as an economist and statistician (in which capacity I have developed forecasting models for State, regional and national economies, used by both governments and businesses for planning purposes). Further support for my opinion is summarized as follows:

- (i) Upon reviewing the first two sound assessment reports, myself, other members of the Pu'uAnahulu Sound Assessment Working Group, and an independent acoustical engineer identified a number of flaws in the assessments. Unfortunately the third sound assessment report, dated July 2015, still had numerous flaws which biased the study toward minimizing the impact of the sound of gunfire on surrounding communities. However, even with these flaws, the July 2015 "*Sound Modeling and Prediction Report, Hawai'i Public Shooting Range at Pu'uAnahulu*" (the "Report") states "The sound prediction results show that sounds from the shotgun will be audible in the Waikoloa Resort Area ...". The Report further states "The sound level predictions for the shotgun indicate that the sound levels observed at the Waikoloa Resort may exceed 60 dBA ...". This sound level is an important benchmark since, according to the Report, *Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Title 11 – Department of Health, Chapter 46 – Community Noise Control* state that the maximum permissible noise level for a Class B zone district is 60 dBA. (A Class B zone district is multi-family dwellings, apartment, business, commercial, hotel, resort, or similar). If the shooting range is located at the

proposed site, awareness of such health and welfare issues will quickly adversely affect the Waikoloa Beach Resort and therefore the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

- (ii) During the sound assessment summarized in the July 2015 Report, myself and others positioned ourselves within the Waikoloa Resort Association. We were able to clearly hear both shotgun and rifle gunfire within the Resort. Whether above or below the aforementioned 60 dBA health criteria, audible gunfire is not what residents or guests at a Resort in Hawai'i will find acceptable, and this too will quickly have an adverse impact on the Waikoloa Beach Resort and therefore the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.
  
- (iii) The July 2015 Report only addresses the health and welfare effects of gunfire sounds on Waikoloa Beach Resort residents, guests, and employees. It does not address the economic impact. The proposed site is located within just 1 to 2.5 miles of all of the developments within Waikoloa Beach Resort, which is comprised of over 1,000 private residences, the Hilton Waikoloa Village, the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, three Hilton Grand Vacations properties, and over 185,000 square feet of retail space at the Queens' Marketplace and the Kings' Shops. Locating a shooting range within such close proximity to the economic engine of the West Coast of the Island of Hawai'i would be a serious mistake, with long-lasting adverse effects on the economy of the Island of Hawai'i. For example:
  - a. Think of the adverse effect on the occupancy of the Hilton and Marriott hotels at Waikoloa Beach Resort when they are competing with other venues for tourist and convention business, when it is disclosed that gunfire can be heard at their hotels. In addition to adverse health and welfare effects, audible gunshots are not what guests expect or will find acceptable when staying at a resort in Hawai'i. Even low-level gunfire sounds are recognizable to most people, and typically lead to a conscious or subconscious fear reaction;
  - b. Think of the adverse effect on residential property values within the Resort when it is disclosed that gunfire can be heard on the lanais of residences, with the commensurate health and safety concerns;
  - c. Think of the adverse economic impact on the hotels, timeshares, retailers, and homeowners within the Resort if a stray bullet were to injure or kill someone; and
  - d. Think of the effect of the above-noted adverse economic impacts on the thousands of workers whose livelihoods depend on the Waikoloa Beach Resort economy.

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB2528 and to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to identify a location for a shooting range on the Island of Hawai'i which will not so significantly adversely affect the economy of the Island of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Schaefer

# **The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals**

## **SUPPORTING HB2528**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2016  
TIME: 1:00 P.M..  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

#### Description:

Appropriates funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii Island public shooting facility.

There currently exists no public shooting facility for rifles and pistols anywhere on the Island of Hawaii.

Funding through HB2528 will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue.

Advocating progress, change, and improvement, The Society of Hawaii Heritage Animals support a safely designed and professionally operated facility for citizens to engage in shooting sports and related activity.

Please pass HB2528.

Mahalo,  
Tony Sylvester,  
Executive Director  
The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Lodge	hawaii hunting association	Support	No

Comments: In STRONG SUPPORT of this funding moving forward. Mahalo, Tom Lodge

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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2528

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

House Bill 2528 requests funding to continue a 12 year-long effort to provide a public shooting facility for the citizens of Hawaii Island. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our organization's testimony in support of that measure.

Whatever personal opinion one holds on firearms, the following facts are indisputable: Hawaii Island residents legally own a large number of firearms, currently estimated at a quarter million. Firearms acquisition has increased dramatically over the last decade. The State mirrors the national trend with Hawaii Island residents currently acquiring an additional 6,000 firearms annually. The vast majority (90 percent) of those legally acquired firearms are rifles and pistols. There currently exists no public shooting facility for rifles and pistols anywhere on the Island of Hawaii.

There is no available Island facility for hunters to sight-in their firearms; no facility for recreational target shooting – America's fastest growing participative sports activity; and no facility in which to provide safe and responsible gun handling instruction.

Since 2004, On Target, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has led a community-based effort to develop a safe, supervised shooting facility that will accommodate the educational and recreational needs of responsible Island citizens. Thousands of hours of citizen volunteer effort and government agency cooperation have been invested in the project over the past 12 years. A Master Plan has been developed and the proposed site has been surveyed for issues of biological and cultural concern. An exhaustive series of sound tests have been conducted to determine the proposed facility's impact on the surrounding community.

Approval of this funding measure will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue. Identified near term tasks include revision of the Master Plan to incorporate test-suggested sound mitigation improvements, completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, and development of an updated time-phased facility development cost analysis.

Just as vehicle owners drive them, so to firearms owners shoot them. So the basic issue is, do we as a community want the multitude of existing illegal makeshift "shooting ranges" that cover Hawaii Island to proliferate, trashing the landscape, and endangering human safety, or do we want to provide a safely designed and professionally operated facility for citizens to engage in their legitimate recreational activity?

We believe it is the latter, and respectfully request your approval of House Bill 2528.

Sincerely,

Richard Hoeflinger, President  
On Target, Inc.



MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL  
KOHALA COAST

February 14, 2016

**Testimony in Opposition to HB2528**

Members of the Hawaii Legislature:

I am writing to express sincere opposition to HB2528, and the proposed public shooting range, which is currently being considered at a location in close proximity to the resort, condo, timeshare and residential communities of the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.

This coastal area is a major draw for tourists, condo owners, and residents, and sustains the employment of thousands of other Hawaii Island residents. Visitors to Hawaii Island come in search of peace and tranquility and to experience a culture like no other in the world. To have this disturbed by sounds of gunshots and the threat of stray bullets would have a profoundly negative impact on the community at large.

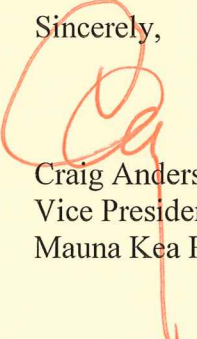
Having this shooting range in such close proximity to a place where many thousands of people come to work, live, and play could have damaging effects on surrounding businesses, future developments, employment opportunities, and the reputation we have worked for more than 50 years to develop along the Kohala Coast.

The comfort and safety of residents, visitors and employees should be paramount. There is a place for a shooting range on the island, but the proposed Pu'uanahulu location is not appropriate. Given all the other available land, a large-scale public shooting range should not be developed in such close proximity to one of the Island's most sought after resort destinations.

In January of this year Commander Jacobson from Pohakuloa Training Area commented at a community meeting in Waimea, indicating that the Training Area is interested in exploring development of a public shooting range at their property, located on the Daniel K. Inouye Highway, that would be accessible to gun owners from both sides of Hawaii Island. That location is much more ideally situated for this type of development because of minimal residential and commercial use in close proximity.

I urge you not to pass this bill, and ask that you continue to work with the DLNR to select a more appropriate location.

Sincerely,



Craig Anderson  
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Brian Isaacson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Providing another public range, in these days of increased popularity of the shooting sport, is a great idea. Safe ranges for shooters are of paramount importance for public safety.

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As a legal gun owner and supporter of our second amendment, it is long overdue for the Island of Hawaii to have a legal place for gun owners to target shoot in a safe and organized environment. Like many of the island residents I do not live on a large plot of land away from a town or area where legal gun owners can shoot a gun on their property. There is nowhere to legally shoot handguns. This is totally unfair to legal gun owners on the island. Even the police department is able to use someone's private property to practice with their weapons. Where do the rest of us fit in? We need a place to stay proficient and safe. Please pass this bill and let a plan for a shooting range go forward.

Respectfully,

Timothy Smith

Kailua Kona

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ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I FULLY SUPPORT HB2528 Hawaii Island Shooting Facility. A world class shooting range will help not only Big Islanders but all gun owners in Hawaii to learn proper and safe gun handling. Gun Ranges like the one proposed will be a draw for people around the world for competitions and a chance to enjoy shooting sports in Hawaii.

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To whom it may concern,

I am submitting this testimony to urge you to vote in favor of bill 2528, to help establish a public shooting range for the residents of Hawaii Island.

I am not a lawmaker, lawyer, community leader, or industry professional. I am simply a citizen of Hawaii who believes in my constitutional right to keep and bear arms. I believe this right carries with it the responsibility for me to exercise my rights in a safe and responsible manner.

A key component in firearm safety, is training and proficiency. You would not give someone a driver's license, and then wonder why they are not a safe and responsible driver if they only get to drive once per year. Therefore we have established driver's education programs, provisional licenses, and other methods whereby drivers may become proficient.

At present, options are extremely limited for firearm owners who wish to likewise improve their proficiency. There is currently no public facility for Hawaii Island residents to legally practice their shooting skills. The need for this grows greater every year, as more firearms are acquired by the residents of Hawaii Island. Whether you like or dislike firearms, I think we can all agree that a trained, responsible, and highly proficient firearm owner is better for the community than an untrained, irresponsible, and non-proficient firearm owner.

I urge you to support the public safety of Hawaii Island, and vote in favor of bill 2528.

Sincerely  
Trenton Johnson

Aloha. I would like to SUPPORT HB2585 as a Big Island residence and an advocate of “plinking”. There is no place on the Island to legally target practice. Taking these measures and assuring that the community has little to no impact, will provide the residents of the Island a safe and secure place to practice and educate. Thank you for your consideration!

Warmest aloha,

Tanya Power



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arte mccollough	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill, however, I'm at a loss of words when I read the effective date to be in the year 2050..... At my current age of 76, that effective date will exceed my life expectancy.....

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Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: **H.B. 2528--Hawaii Island Public Shooting Facility at Pu'uanahulu**

Dear Finance Committee Members:

The **Mission Statement** of the DLNR is unequivocal. *“Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii’s unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources held in **public** trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.”* Inexplicably, there are no first class public sports shooting facilities to speak of in Hawaii, including the Big Island. However, due to the persistent and persevering efforts of some very dedicated Hawaiian sportsmen, along with your legislative support, that can soon change. As recognized and respected professionals who have the proven ability to think strategically and get results, bring different groups of people together, inspire others, and to make a difference in Hawaii, your assistance and support is desperately needed for funding and bringing this public resource to fruition.

Certain for-profit, private sector hoteliers have selfishly spearheaded opposition to the proposed Hawaii Island Shooting Complex at Pu'uanahulu on behalf of a coalition called the **Kohala Coast Resort Association**. This Association has adopted a patently anti-sportsman and anti-community, hardline position against this much-needed Project. What is far more disturbing however, is the intellectual dishonesty that the coalition has exhibited to various Hawaii Departments and staff, and to the public at large in spinning a campaign of blatant propaganda, disinformation, and misstatements premised on unsubstantiated fears involving purported Project “noise”, and safety issues. The third and latest set of “noise” test results confirm that the KCRA’s abject opposition on that basis is contrived nonsense.

This public educational training and sporting complex will include archery, air rifle, shotgun, and pistol disciplines and will have absolutely no noise implications to any opponent properties. Even the prior noise test results for the site (2005 & 20012) indicated gunfire sound was not even detectable from ambient background noise. Nonetheless, these protesters have irresponsibly interfered with the Project’s development in arrogant indifference to the effect that their intransigence is having on the community at large. The sportsmen and women of Hawaii, en masse do far more for protecting and enhancing the natural resources of this State and to ensure good ecological management while continuing to support the local economy than any other group in Hawaii. Indeed, the **Bi-Partisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2014** was endorsed and acknowledged by The Nature Conservancy as representing a true bi-partisan approach working in concert with sportsmen relating to land use issues.

The allure and variety of Hawaii's beauty which necessarily includes the diversity of its many activities like ocean sports, beaches, biking, hiking, parks, volcano, or any number of other pursuits is what residents and guests alike, find endearing about Hawaii as a place to live and visit. Yet, despite that diversity there are no public facilities here which even remotely come close to the planned shooting sports complex at Pu'uana'hulu. Which is truly unfortunate since this planned Project comports with DLNR's Mission Statement about how State lands are to be managed, developed, and used for the good of all Hawaii. This Project unequivocally meets all of the required criteria and more. As it is, without this Project continued and growing instances of unauthorized and potentially dangerous use of public lands for target practice by persons looking for places to shoot, will persist.

The proposed site of this multi-million dollar proposed sports shooting complex is a barren lava field, next to the West Hawaii dump, on ground that DLNR already *manages* as a *resource* for hunting. The highest and best use available to *enhance* the property at issue is for this *public* Project which is being championed by a dedicated group of non-profit sportsman and women. This *public* Project will involve a myriad of local contractors, craftsmen, and a resident workforce to build; provide jobs in administration, facility maintenance and operation *for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii*; will provide a safe education and training environment to *current and future generations of the people of Hawaii*, which includes its youth in shooting disciplines recognized as Olympic Games events and by various college sports curriculums offering scholarships; and as important it has the potential of bringing thousands of new revenue generating visitors to the islands every year! This is absolutely buttressed by the facts concerning the growth of shooting sports in this country and abroad and the consumers who support those activities.

The Project's opposition has done everything in its power to thwart DLNR's ultimate endorsement and approval of an endeavor that falls squarely within its Mission Statement. *"There is a place for a shooting range on the island..."* and *"there is an overall opinion that a facility such as this should be considered for the island..."* These are the exact words of the coalition opposition, except their unstated admonition and sentiment is really *'just not in my back yard'*. In land-use parlance this is called the *"NIMBY"* refrain, an emotional last ditch hope and prayer argument flung in an attempt to get something to stick to a wall.

This is the perfect opportunity for your committee to confirm the prior "no noise" results and to categorically put to rest unfounded and unsupported opposition allegations that this proposed state-of-the-art Sporting /Educational Complex will ever have adverse effects on resort/condo guests two miles away. Frankly, this public Project has the potential of being a crown jewel of achievement and accomplishment for the State of Hawaii. To know and

appreciate this, one needs to look no further than the recent publically developed **Clark County Shooting Complex** ([www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/shootingcomplex](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/shootingcomplex)) located within view of the Las Vegas “strip”, or the **Ben Avery Shooting Facility** ([www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)) situated within minutes of downtown Phoenix, Arizona, both of which are hugely successful public five-star shooting facilities in walking distance of residential and business developments that embrace these facilities. But in comparison, neither of these destinations can hold a candle to the allure of the additional available natural resources and recreational entertainment we have here in Hawaii.

This Project has the overwhelming potential of truly becoming a sports shooting destination in its own right. The time for stopping interference by entities that have adopted an entrenched stance of being anti-sportsmen, anti-community and inexplicably adverse to the best interests of a much needed educational shooting facility to serve our Island’s youth, is now. No one opposing this Project has or can provide a shred of data or empirical evidence to support the position taken against this economic and community oriented Project. Quite simply, the total lack of substantive support for a patently anti-sportsman position is glaringly without credibility. The fact is visitors to Hawaii and specifically the Big Island will enthusiastically embrace this resource since target shooting is one of the fastest growing participative sports here and abroad. The time for tolerating any further delay of this Project based on a campaign of emotional ignorance is long past. This Project warrants your support and funding approval.

I respectfully request that this Committee act for the good of the State and for the direct overwhelming benefit of the Big Island’s residents, visitors, and youth to approve funding for this long overdue Project. Thank you in advance for responsibly advocating for and representing the best interests of our keiki, kapuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Dunn

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2528**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**REGULAR SESSION OF 2016**

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**DATE:**

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

**TIME:**

**1:00 P.M.**

**PLACE:**

**Conference Room 308**

**State Capitol**

**415 South Beretania Street**

**Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke & Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and the Members of the Committee on Finance.**

**Aloha Pumehana.**

**My name is Glennon Gingo**

**I'm a resident of the Big Island and live in the Holualoa community. I have been a hunter and firearms owner for most of my youth and adult life. I have participated in shooting sports throughout the state as well as the mainland. I continue to provide educational courses for firearm safety. Over the past four years the majority of the students attending my programs are woman and families.**

**As a resident of the Big Island, I feel compelled to express the need for a Public Shooting Facility here on the Big Island; This a community need of high priority.**

**Hunters and firearms owners need a safe place to practice their skills as well as residents desiring to participate in shooting sports. Without a safe and supervised area to enjoy these activities, we fall short of taking responsibility for firearm safety.**

**Approval of this funding measure will enable the Hawaii Island shooting facility development project to continue. Identified near term tasks include revision of the Master Plan to incorporate test-suggested sound mitigation improvements, completion of an Environmental Impact Statement, and development of an updated time-phased facility development cost analysis.**

**Thousands of hours of citizen volunteer effort and government agency cooperation have been invested in the project over the past 12 years. A Master Plan has been developed and the proposed site has been surveyed for issues of biological and cultural concern. An exhaustive series of sound test have been conducted to determine the proposed facility's impact on the surrounding community.**

**I respectfully request your consideration and hope you will join our many residents in supporting the passing of this bill.**

**Aloha,**

**Glennon T. Gingo**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonagustine Lim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. The big island desperately needs a public shooting range facility for the firearm owners on the island. Please vote for this bill. Thank you!

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Jeff Ball	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sorely needed and long overdue.

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George Pace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, it's about time...

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I am a full time resident of the Big Island, having lived on the west side for almost 11 years.

I fully support HB2528 HD1 and ask the Finance committee to make an appropriation for a shooting facility in West Hawaii on the Island of Hawaii,

This is a project that has been in the planning phase for many years, and it is time for it to come to fruition.

Please give our law abiding citizens a safe place to train and exercise their second amendment rights.

I recommend that the bill be passed and appropriations begin in FY 2016-2017 with an effective date of July 1, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Strojny  
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Heiko Sacher	Individual	Support	No

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## IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2528

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee on Finance:

I am in support of House Bill 2528 which requests funding to provide a public shooting range on Hawaii island.

As the owner/operator of a small shop that repairs and sells firearms, I can attest to the large numbers of firearms owners who require a place to practice and sight in. I have frequently been asked as to where they can legally go to practice and sight in their firearms. I have to tell them that there is no public shooting range or legal area to target shoot. I do inform them that if they choose to use their firearms in a hunting area, they are required to have a hunting license, wear an orange vest and only do so on a legal hunting day.

For those wanting to use their shotguns, I have referred them to the Hawaii Island Trap and Skeet range in Hilo. There have been calls from the concierges at various north Kona hotels that have called asking where they can send their guests to use a shooting range on the west side. I have referred them to Hilo for trap and skeet shooting. They have indicated that guests with limited time and transportation would prefer a general type shooting range in the vicinity.

It is not a secret that there are local areas on both sides of Hawaii island that firearms owners have used to practice and sight in their firearms. These areas are not regulated and often ill maintained.

A public shooting range that is supervised and maintained would greatly contribute to the safety and well being of the general public.

I humbly request your approval of House Bill 2528.

Sincerely,

## **Testimony in favor of West Hawaii Shooting Facility on the Island of Hawaii**

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- Yet, sales and imports of firearms continue to rise.
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- Data shows that gunfire from the shooting facility will not be heard at the Kohala resorts nor at the residences.
- There is virtually no flora or fauna at the identified site that can be harmed. The environmental impact statement will be thorough and complete.
- The records of shooting facilities show they are extremely safe, and will not harm or kill people.

NOTE: NONE of above can be said about Blue Hawaii Helicopters, Hilton's Dolphin shows, the County's Waste Transfer station or even the traffic on Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy, which are all adjacent to the shooting facility site.

Sincerely,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vernon Okamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A world class shooting range will help the local economy by attracting tourists from Asia that would like the shooting experience. Asians Flock to gun ranges in Las Vegas. Lines are our the door. Range would pay for itself very quickly.

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Brendon Heal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A public firing range is needed on the Big Island. Safe training and firing environment is a must for the citizens. Thank you

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Richard Frey	Individual	Support	No

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Heather Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support creating a shooting facility on the Big Island in order to create a safe place for people to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

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Chair, Vice Chair, Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of funding a safe, professional shooting complex in West Hawaii.

1. The required Hunter Safety Classes are always full. Some are young people wanting hunting licenses and many are adults who need the class to qualify for handguns. The classes have worthwhile information, but no practical training in gun handling, safety, or respect for firearm ownership. There is a huge need for these, but no place for practical application.
2. On the mainland, more than 15,000 young people participate in the national Scholastic Clay Target Program. These are feeder programs to the U.S. shooting program and the Olympics for the best of our male and female shooters. For the broad membership of the 15,000 participants, the benefit is competition, firearm safety, teamwork, leadership training and the possibility of scholarship money. A group of trained instructors here is primed to bring this program to Hawaii if it can get access to facilities.
3. While a modern shooting complex should draw statewide, regional and national attention and dollars, that is not the very best argument in favor. Citizens of the Big Island have fought for this facility literally for decades and deserve it for themselves. And the broad population deserves a center of safe and respectful firearm training.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Tom Griffiths

Kona



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Randy Douglas	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Shooting Range is very much needed in West Hawaii, please vote to fund it. Thank You

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Robert Daniel MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The citizens of Hawaii have a long history of responsible firearms use. The new facility will further the safe enjoyment our second amendment rights.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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David Brilliant	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The people want a world-class multi-use public shooting range. Providing funding for the EIS is supported.

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Eric Ako DVM	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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David Monk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My wife and I own a vacation rental condominium in the Waikoloa Beach Resort. We understand that studies of the potential sound impact of a shooting facility at the proposed location show that gunfire will be audible within the resort. It would be detrimental to the interests of residents, visitors, and property owners to proceed with this facility in this location, and I urge the House to reject this measure. Surely a better location that would not disturb neighbors can be found on the Big Island.

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: After languishing for two years due to the Hunter Education Programs inaction, it is refreshing to see this critical facilities funding for design and development plans once again moving. This has been a decades long process!! Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregg Salter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii County needs a public shooting range. The current situation where law-abiding gun owners, hunters, and target shooters have either no place to practice their marksmanship or have to resort to finding a non-offensive area of dubious legality and placing themselves at legal risk of prosecution is not acceptable. As a target shooter engaging in a sport officially recognized by not just the Olympic committee, but also by other international bodies as well, I feel the lack of a shooting range is discriminatory against me and other law-abiding, responsible target shooters. Were I a bicyclist, I would find that entire sections of public roadways would at times be closed to accommodate my sport.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jimmy F Enocencio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT this Bill

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jimmy F Enocencio	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I SUPPORT this Bill on behalf of our youths who need a place to learn firearm safety, and a place that is safe to discharge firearms. Denying them this opportunity would cause our youths (and adults) to seek areas designated unsafe for any forms of firearms discharge. The area would normally be trashed since makeshift targets are used, no bullet back-stop, no designation or warning flags depicting firearm presence, etc. I wholeheartedly SUPPORT this Bill.

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IN STRONG SUPPORT

Hawaii needs a world class range. Shooters from colder areas will flock to Hawaii and fill the Kona resort hotels when their home ranges are covered with snow. Noise abatement is practical. The Big Island has no public rifle range.

Mahalo,

Dr. Maxwell Cooper

**Kenji Shiba  
P.O. Box 1485  
Honokaa, Hawaii 96727**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Thursday, February 25, 2016; 1:00 pm  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**RE: SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 2528, HOUSE DRAFT 1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION  
FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kenji Shiba and I am a resident of the Island of Hawaii and a member of the Board of Directors of On Target, Inc., a nonprofit organization established to support safe shooting sports in Hawaii. I am submitting written testimony on SUPPORT of HOUSE BILL NO. 2528, HOUSE DRAFT 1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Specifically, the bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal year 2016-2017 for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a public shooting facility in West Hawaii of the Island of Hawaii.

There are 1.2 million firearms in the State of Hawaii, with over 250,000 of those firearms registered in the County of Hawaii. That equates to 1.3 guns for each resident. An average of 6,000 firearms are acquired by Hawaii County residents every year, and more than 30,000 firearms were acquired by Hawaii County residents in the past ten (10) years. However, there is NO legal publicly-accessible rifle or pistol shooting facility on the Island of Hawaii.

To practice, many firearms owners practice shooting on uninhabited locations of the island, much of which is owned by the State. However, oftentimes, these firearms owners learn that they are prohibited from doing this and are subsequently cited and prosecuted.

Because of this, over the past twelve years, members of the shooting community have worked with Hawaii County and State law enforcement, government officials, and lawmakers to identify a suitable site for a shooting facility, and to devise partnerships that would facilitate adequate funding to construct and operate the facility.

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In 2007, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved the use of the Puuanahulu site for a shooting facility – a barren lava field situated within a public hunting area containing no biological nor cultural concerns. Adjacent to an active landfill with an existing access road, the Puuanahulu site is located near utility sources and has consistent and predictable weather conditions making it an ideal location to safely discharge handguns and rifles.

In 2012, a facility master plan and environmental assessment contract was awarded to PBR Hawaii, two shooting range public information meetings were conducted, and a curatorship agreement was approved in principle between On Target, Inc., and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

However, during the course of these activities, concerns were raised by the Waikoloa Resort situated nearly 1.5 miles away from the shooting facility site on the anticipated noise generated from the facility. As the result, two additional noise tests was conducted to determine whether there was a need to take further steps to mitigate noise. Among other things, large caliber and bore rifles as well as shotguns were used and various sound mitigation devices were demonstrated. These evaluations found that the anticipated noise from the site were within noise standards so long as resort-directed shotgun fire is minimized. Accordingly, steps are being taken to position the facility so that most if not all of the shooting will be directed away from the resort.

The appropriation contained in this bill will ensure that the supporters of the shooting facility will continue to work with the Waikoloa Resort and other interested parties to find a suitable compromise. It will also facilitate the continued partnership between federal, county and State governments with the private sector to meet this community need.

**Accordingly, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of House Bill No. 2528, House Draft 1.**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my written testimony. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 775-9474.

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Russell Takata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT this bill. Providing a range facility where firearms can be properly controlled and used will enhance safety for the community, and also provide a venue for firearms education and the shooting sports.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William R Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to reiterate to the Committee on Finance my STRONG SUPPORT of this bill to move forward on the construction of a Shooting Complex on the Big Island. There are no legal ranges to shoot rifles and pistols on the State's largest island. With an estimated 250,000 firearms on the Big Island alone it is imperative that the State provide a quality facility in the interest of public safety and government supporting the needs of its citizens.

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David Brilliant	Individual	Support	No

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Wesley Sugai MD, FAAP	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the West Hawaii Shooting facility to be built. Presently, we have no such facility and many have to practice on private land. I was born and raised in Kona, in the Territory of Hawaii, and have been a life long hunter, and have provided additional food for many families less fortunate than I.

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David Huddleston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support passage of HB2528. I have seen the ups and downs of this range acquisition for over 20 years. I am not alone. The facility would be an asset to the community. A projected multi faceted entity supporting Rifle,shotgun,pistol,and archery functions.Its operation will promote safety practices.In all a boon to the community. Mahalo

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steven a kumasaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Norman Winton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This project is a complete waste of tax payer money and a negative to property values in the area. New units are directly across the road. I resent having guns brought so near a resort area. Better a Casino.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Heidi Bogert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This would be a HORRIBLE location for the shooting range. The Waikoloa Beach Resort is the bread basket for the Kohala coast and if this measure passes we will have vacationing people leave in DROVES because of the noise pollution created by this shooting range. Any other location would be acceptable away from the resort and its quiet beaches and relaxing atmosphere.

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nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments: LEGISLATORS, PLEASE PUSH THIS THROUGH. SHOOTING RANGE FACILITIES ARE NEEDED, FOR THE GROWING DEMAND. A SHOOTING RANGE WILL ENSURE SAFETY AND PROFESSIONALISM IN THE SPORT.

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Thomas Delaney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a full-time resident in Waikoloa Beach Resort and a registered voter in the state of Hawaii, I am very sorry to hear that plans are going ahead for a shooting range in our vicinity. I am vehemently opposed for a number of reasons. A shooting range does not belong in a resort area: tourists come here, with their important contribution to our economy, to enjoy the beauty of our area and to recreate in peace. The noise of a shooting range, and the image it projects, are inappropriate. A shooting range could be located in many other parts of our Big Island, where the location would be at a remove from populated areas yet central, to accommodate all Big Islanders, from all parts. I have great respect for many hunters in Hawaii, whom I have met while hiking: they do not live in proximity to the proposed shooting range site. Furthermore, the expense of a study, paid for by the taxpayer, is completely unwarranted, when the needs of so many on the Big Island are far more urgent. Finally, I must register strong disappointment in the way that this measure was sprung upon us, considering that we have tried to keep abreast of the issue since first learning of it.

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Bowen Dickinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a long time Maui Resident and responsible gun owner who shoots regularly at our only gun range, and also a person who loves peace and quiet I respectfully submit: It is obvious from the testimony presented that a gun range is greatly needed and has support of the Hawaii County citizenry, you all just need to find a place where the tourists at the resorts can't hear it. The last thing I want to hear when I am on vacation would be gunfire. Bowen Dickinson

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February 24, 2016

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL HB2528

Dear Members of the Hawaii 2016 Legislature:

I, Amia Adonai, am an owner of a condo at Waikoloa Colony Villas and would be directly affected by the noise from the shooting range which is the subject of HB2528- should it be permitted to go in at the entrance across from Waikoloa Beach Resort. The most recent sound assessments from the findings published in a recent report;--indicate that the gun shots from the range will be audible within the Waikoloa Beach Resort.

This will adversely affect property values and the thousands of visitors that come to stay at this beautiful pristine resort. The resort has 2 major hotels, Hilton and the Marriott, as well as time-share and many high end condo residents –many of whom are full and part time residents. THIS IS A QUITE RESORT WHERE FAMILIES COME TO RELAX. This would not be the case should the gun range be permitted to be constructed.

The Big Island is a vast island with a lot of land—where there the range in the alternative could be constructed. The range should be constructed where the loud noise disturbance would not be by a residential and high income visitor generating area. There is absolutely NO REASON to locate this range near such a pristine property when many alternate locations away from residents and visitors exist.

It is IMPARATIVE that the Gun Range proponents submit to the house committee alternative locations that would **NOT** disturb the residents and visitors (who bring in millions of dollars of revenue to the Big Island). The danger to this island, by allowing such a Gun Range to be built in this area, is a vast loss in visitor income which is this islands primary industry. The Big Island, as many of the neighboring islands do, struggles to have profitable industries, the location of this Gun Range would be devastating to our visitor industry.

I respectfully request that you OPPOSE HB2528 and do not pass this Bill.

Thank you for sincerely considering what is being discussed in this testimony,

Sincerely,

Amia Adonai, JD

Waikoloa Colony Villas Owner



Dear Members of the 2016 Legislature,

As a homeowner at the Waikoloa Beach Resort, I am writing to strongly oppose **HB2528**. I understand that the proposed site is located within just 1 to 2.5 miles of all of the developments within Waikoloa Beach Resort and my development will be within hearing range of the shots. I live here full time and did not purchase my retirement home to be hindered by the obtrusive noise of gun shots being fired or having my safety possibly at risk.

Furthermore, I don't think the over 1,000 private residences nor visitors to the Hilton Waikoloa Village, the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, three Hilton Grand Vacations properties, the Queens' Marketplace, the Kings' Shops, Lava Lava Beach Club or the golf courses would appreciate the sounds that are so contrary to visions of paradise or having their safety compromised. Clearly this would definitely have an adverse effect on luring desirable visitors to this currently very attractive vacation spot, which is listed on some rankings as one of the best in the world.

We need to do all we can to keep Hawaii a world-class tourist destination. We suffer each time there is a travel scare to the island, the state, or the country. The placement of a shooting range will contribute to visitors negating the Waikoloa Beach Resort as catering to their needs for relaxation and a place of escape. This could have a huge impact on the livelihoods of many who rely on income through employment or investment at this resort. Furthermore, there is a growing national revolt against the prevalence of guns in the wrong hands and that sentiment further diminishes a shooting range's allure, tarnishing the value of properties around it.

Please find a remote location for this shooting range, if there is such a strong demand to have one somewhere on our island. But please don't compromise the sanctity and serenity of this heaven-on-earth! Waikoloa Beach Resort is truly a great example of tremendous urban planning and too important to the frail economy of our island to be messed with. A placement of a shooting range next to our resort will have lasting adverse effects on the desirability and possibly safety of the Waikoloa Beach Resort as a vacation and recreation destination, home, and investment. If this were placed next to your home, I'm sure you wouldn't be pleased either.

Mahalo!

Jayne Tolan

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathleen Delaney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a registered Hawaii voter resident in the Waikoloa Beach Resort. I urge that the proposed shooting range be located in an area away from residential property. I chose to retire to Waikoloa for the peaceful natural beauty. The noise from a nearby shooting range will have a negative effect on my well being.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Normand A Cote	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha FIN Committee, I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2528. This world class shooting range will benefit our community and provide another attraction for our valued tourist. For example: Las Vegas and our Japanese tourist love this kind of attraction. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, Normand A Cote  
Law Abiding Citizen

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: February 24, 2016 Aloha, I submit testimony in support. This will be an asset to Hawaii, both for the local people and visitors. HB2528 providing funding for planning and an environmental impact statement (EIS)for the planned world-class multi-use public shooting range in Kailua Kona Mahalo, Michael Riley

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Wallis MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am are writing to express my absolute horror when our neighbor alerted us to HB2528, and the proposed shooting range being considered at a location in Pu'uuanahulu, in close proximity to our home in Waikoloa. I am sure all the visitors to the Big Island who come to these resorts, condominium, timeshares, golf courses and residential communities of Waikoloa and the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii would be horrified as well, and take their dollars to areas other than here. This coastal area is a major draw for tourists and condominium / timeshare owners, and sustains the employment of thousands of Big Island residents. I know it is what brought my husband and me here in the first place. We never would have come to Waikoloa to visit, or bought property here, if there had been a shooting range anywhere in the vicinity. We come from Chicago where gunfire is a common occurrence (homicide rates 2016 to date double that to date from 2015 (444 total last year); 36 shooting victims last weekend alone (2996 in 2015), and travel to the Big Island in search of safety, peace and tranquility, and to experience a culture like no other in the world. To have this disturbed by the sounds of gunfire and the threat of stray bullets is stomach-churning, and evokes the thoughts of the thousands of people killed or maimed in our home town. Should the shooting range be built within hearing distance—as it is planned—we will personally make it a point to all who had planned to visit this area to go elsewhere. Social media has made it extremely convenient to reach millions of people who will certainly feel as I do. The comfort and safety of residents, visitors and employees should be paramount. Given all the other available land, a large-scale public shooting range should not be developed in such close proximity to one of the Island's most sought-after resort destinations. I am vehemently opposed to a shooting range in so close proximity to the residents and local businesses whose livelihood depends on the continued success of the Kohala and Waikoloa Coast community. I urge you to oppose HB2528. Diane E Wallis, MD 69-1010 Keana Place Waikoloa 96738 Sent from my iPad

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Henry F. Hills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a safe place on the Big Isl. to shoot firearms.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Solberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a condo owner in the Waikoloa Beach Resort. I have owned in the resort for 19 years and have enjoyed the beauty and peace that Hawaii is all about. Please vote against HB2528 as that peace and quiet will be severely impacted by a gun range located near our resort. I urge you to do the right thing and consider another location that will not impact tourists , homeowners, business and the many people that are employed in the Waikoloa Beach Resort. Respectfully, Michael J Solberg 69-1010 Keana Place, #F203 Waikoloa, HI 96738 808-886-5710

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J. Matthew Lanin	Individual	Support	No

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February 24, 2016

Comments and testimony in Opposition to HB2528

Dear Members of the Hawaii State Legislature:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to HB2528, and the proposed shooting range, which is currently being considered at a location in Pu'uuanahulu, in close proximity to the resort, condominium, timeshare, golf courses and residential communities of Waikoloa and the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.

This coastal area is a major draw for tourists and condominium / timeshare owners, and sustains the employment of thousands of Big Island residents. Visitors to the Big Island come in search of peace and tranquility and to experience a culture like no other in the world. To have this disturbed by the sounds of gunshots and the threat of stray bullets would have a profoundly negative impact on the community at large. We personally monitored the 2015 test firing from our lanai at Vista Waikoloa; the sound of gunfire was apparent and disturbing.

The comfort and safety of residents, visitors and employees should be paramount. Given all the other available land, a large-scale public shooting range should not be developed in such close proximity to one of the Island's most sought after resort destinations.

We are not opposed to shooting ranges in general, especially for training law enforcement personnel. We question somewhat supporting an activity that has been involved in so many recent tragedies affecting scores of innocent children and citizens. However we could possibly support a public shooting range in a different location; one that is not in such close proximity to the residents and local businesses whose livelihood and property values depend on the continued success of the Kohala and Waikoloa Coast community.

We respectfully request that you oppose HB2528 and do not pass this bill.

Thank you very much for your kokua and consideration. Aloha,

Patricia and Gerald Hiatt  
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WILLIAM MURPHY	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Remington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am an owner in the Vista Waikoloa and want to express strong opposition to the idea of putting a shooting range (HB2528) in such close proximity to a resort area. The island of Hawaii has many other areas for this type of activity rather than nearby vacation properties. This area is a major attraction for visitors to the Big Island. Why wouldn't a shooting range be better placed in a more convenient area to where people hunt or live and not be in a resort area where tourists come for peace and tranquility. I understand that a recommendation to spend \$900,000 on a study is moving forward and want to strongly urge you not to support this study and not to support this location for a shooting range. Sylvia Remington owner @ Vista Waikoloa A201, A202 & F205

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Dakota Muranaka	Individual	Support	No

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Hunter Muranaka	Individual	Support	No

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Jill Muranaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kelly Muranaka	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly in support of HB2528. As a legal gun owner one of the many challenges we have on Kauai is finding a safe private property to practice or test your guns at. Gun ranges will only help gun owners be safer and more skilled. People who are comfortable with their guns are less likely to make mistakes and hurt themselves or others. This is a common sense fact. Please work with this community in creating and supporting a legal gun range for people to enjoy. Let's not forget that we need to enjoy life in Hawaii outdoors! Aloha, Shyla Moon, Kauai resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makani	Hunting, Farming and Fishing Association	Support	No

Comments: We support HB2528. Hawaii island needs a range. The safety for our hunters and community is very important. Improperly trained individuals are a danger to themselves and others.

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PJ Long III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I whole heartedly support this measure and encourage all members to approve the necessary funds. This is a worth while investment of our tax dollars with a benefit to a large number of citizens. Thank you.

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Lora Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill.

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Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann  
President & CEO  
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Committee on:  
Finance  
February 25, 2016

House Bill 2528: Making an appropriation for a shooting facility in West Hawai'i on the Island of Hawai'i

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee on Finance:

We are writing to express our concerns to HB2528 HD1, and the proposed shooting range, which is currently being considered at a location in Pu'uana'hulu, in close proximity to the resort, condominium, timeshare, golf courses and residential communities of Waikoloa and the Kohala Coast on the Island of Hawaii.

This coastal area is a major draw for tourists and condominium / timeshare owners, and sustains the employment of thousands of Big Island residents. Visitors to the Big Island come in search of peace and tranquility and to experience a culture like no other in the world. To have this disturbed by the sounds of gunshots and the threat of stray bullets would have a profoundly negative impact on the community at large.

The tourism industry collectively employs thousands of Big Island residents, and conducts business with hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Big Island every year.

The comfort and safety of residents, visitors and employees should be paramount. Given all the other available land, a large-scale public shooting range should not be developed in such close proximity to one of the Island's most sought after resort destinations.

We are not opposed to shooting ranges in general, and would support a public shooting range in a different location that is not in such close proximity to the residents and local businesses.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

The Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Committee on Finance  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
Thursday, February 25, 2016; 1:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2528, HD1  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A SHOOTING FACILITY IN WEST HAWAII  
ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII**

The ILWU Local 142 **opposes** H.B. 2528, HD1, which appropriates funds for public outreach, planning, and an environmental impact statement for a Hawaii island public shooting facility.

Our opposition is to the proposed site at the Puuanahulu state game management area for the shooting facility. Section 1 of H.B. 2528, HD1 references this site and seems to indicate that outreach, planning, and the EIS will focus on this site.

However, hotels, resorts and other businesses in the vicinity of the proposed shooting facility site have raised objections. Objectors cite proximity to resort activity and the potential for accidents that may jeopardize the health and safety of visitors and employees of the resorts.

Also of concern is the negative impact of the sounds of shooting on resort guests. Occupancy at the hotels along the Kohala Coast has never been as robust or resilient as in Waikiki or Maui. Even perceived danger or any firing sounds could affect the attractiveness of West Hawaii as a destination.

The ILWU represents workers at Hilton Waikoloa Resort, The Fairmont Orchid, Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, and Mauna Kea Beach Hotel.

The only shooting range on Oahu, called the Koko Head Shooting Complex, is located in Hawaii Kai near homes, businesses, parks, and schools. Bullet casings have been recovered in the surrounding area, and one stray bullet in 2013 went through the kitchen window of a Hawaii Kai residence. Even though the Koko Head range is located within a volcanic crater, it is not sufficiently shielded to prevent bullets from pistols and rifles veering into inhabited areas.

The ILWU respectfully requests that H.B. 2528, HD1 be held at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



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Gordon Fowler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha to all concerned: Although I am no longer a resident of the Big Island I was for years and as a shooting sports enthusiast my options for a place to shoot were very limited. The only real viable solution was to find a spot on private land with permission from the land owner. This was tough at the time and as our society becomes more litigious, it is less viable than in the past. Next option was of dubious legality, To take off as far back in the woods as you could and shoot there. Hope you didn't get caught, or if you did that the game warden understood and let it slide. Potential there to lose your car, guns, etc... and then go to jail for whatever firearms violations could be trumped up. Or you could, with a hunting license, go to a hunting area, find a safe place and "zero your rifle" This only worked if your gun was "suitable for hunting", no 22's or handguns. Same sanctions as above could be brought if the enforcement people were not very understanding. It is time for a public shooting facility on the Big Island. Let the shooting sports public come out of the closet. The location planned, Puuanahulu, is located well for people of both sides of the Island and should be supported. Thank you and Aloha Gordon Fowler

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Karl "Buddy" Bohn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm a resident property owner in North Kohala and strongly support this type fire arms educational , practice and competition facility. Mahalo, Karl "Buddy" Bohn

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin J. Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support HB 2528. A safe, legal, and well maintained shooting range on the Big Island would be a boon to the local recreational sports population. As a frequent visitor to the Koko Head Shooting Complex on Oahu, I know how beneficial a well-regulated range can be to the sporting community. The good people of Hawaii have long deserved this facility. The studies are complete. The time to act is now. Please support this Bill. Mahalo, Kevin J. Cole, Colonel USAF Ret Mililani HI

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Keola	Individual	Support	No

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Zon Sullenberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write today to encourage support for a new shooting facility on the Big Island of Hawaii. Currently, there is no safe, legal, public place to target practice or otherwise enjoy the shooting sports. There is a growing number of firearms owners on the Big Island, but gun-owners are greatly hindered by not having a place to become proficient, and safe, with their firearms. The shooting sports are among the fastest growing sports in all age groups across the country. Additionally, there will be a tourism benefit to providing a world-class shooting facility. Please vote YES to this important public facility.

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Kory Ohly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB2528 because I believe the residents of Hawaii island have a right to a legal and safe facility to shoot their firearms: according to legislature, approximately 250,000 firearms + 6,000 this year + 6,000 next year + 6,000 the year after etc.... This is a good thing, beneficial to public safety: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Get it done, people!

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Glennon T. Gingo	On Target Inc.	Support	Yes

Comments: Will testify in person. Previously submitted an online testimony and document in support.

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