

MY CONCERNS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING POEM I'VE ENTITLED
OUR FAMILY ANCESTRAL LANDS

THE LANDS OF MY ANCESTOR'S: OLD AND BAITING,
ENDANGERED BY GREED AND OVERWHELMING TEMPTATION.
WHAT SHALL BE LEFT FOR FUTURE GENERATION'S?
GENETICALLY CONNECTED -- LEFT WITH INCONSIDERATION'S!
RUINATION, DESECRATION -- HOW MUCH MORE CAN SHE TAKE?
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE? FOR HER TERRIBLE FATE?
THE LANDS ARE IN JEOPARDY -- THEIR USED AND ABUSED,
BY SELFISH, UNCARING PEOPLE -- WHO DOES THAT INCLUDE?
CAPITALIST'S?, GOV'T AGENCIES?, PRIVATE SECT'S?,
RUDE; CRUDE AND SHAMEFUL -- NO RESPECT!
STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN -- THEN TAKE HEED,
THE LOSS OF THE KOHALA MOUNTAINS, IS A COSTLY DEED.
CAN'T ALLOW HER OVER USE, BY ABUSING HER WATER,
HER MOST FERTILE FRUIT.
HAPPENING UNDER A SHROUD OF PROGRESS?
NOT FOR THE MOUNTAINS, BUT FOR PROFIT!
WHAT OF THE FLORA?, THE FAUNA? THE FOWL? NO MORE?
AN AWFUL THOUGHT, A DEPLORABLE SORE.
RIVERS, WATERFALLS AND STREAM BEDS ARE DRY!!
TAP, TAP, TAPPING, THE MOUNTAINS GOING TO DIE!!
PROTECT AND PRESERVE? ENDANGERED? ENDEMIC?
THE O'OPU, LIKE US ARE BEING NEGLECTED.
"NO MORE WATER" "NO MORE LIFE",
"NO MORE USE" FOR "OUR GATHERING RIGHTS".
LANDS ONCE LUSH, NOW RENDERED USELESS?
AN UNCONSCIONABLE ACT -- MERCILESS, CRUEL AND RUTHLESS.
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INTRUSION?
BREAKING DOWN THE FAMILY UNION.
IT'S OUR LANDS, AND WE'RE NOT GOING AWAY,
NOR, WILL ANYONE! KEEP US AT BAY!
AWINI IS BEAUTIFUL -- SO FAR -- STILL ALIVE,
AS FOR POLOLU VALLEY?, SHE'S DYING A DAY AT A TIME.
ROGUE HORSES AND MULES, AGGRESSIVE AND MEAN,
RUNNING HAVOC, DANGEROUS TO LIFE, PROPERTY AND LIMB.
CONSTANTLY IGNORED -- NOW HUNTING PERMIT'S?
TRESPASSER'S AND ENCROACHER'S, INVADER'S OF OUR PIECE/PEACE.
DICTATING, COERCING OUR LANDS, FROM OUR HANDS,
SINCE "IMMEMORIAL", WE'VE HAD TO MAKE A STAND!
SO WHAT'S TO HAPPEN? DOES ANYONE CARE?
I KEEP ASKING FOR HELP AND GET NO WHERE.
NOT JUST OUR LANDS ARE IN JEOPARDY, BUT,
THE MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS AND STREAMS OF HAWAII!
SHE'S ALL OUR LANDS. WE'LL STAND AND FIGHT!
AS INDIGENOUS HAWAIIANS, WE ASSERT "OUR RIGHTS".

MY OBJECTIVES ARE TO RETURN THE WATERS TO FLOW FREELY THROUGH
OUT THE KOHALA MOUNTAINS. WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE ELIMINATING
THE WATERS FROM FLOWING NEEDS TO STOP! LEAVE THE MOUNTAINS ALONE
AND RETURN THE WATERS. HOW RUDE THAT SHE DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART.

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DEAR EDITOR,

IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON TIM HEADS ARTICLE THE KOHALA DITCH. THE DITCH IS NOT A RIVER, ITS A DITCH OR AN AUWAI. THE DITCH LIKE THE TRAILS THROUGHOUT KOHALA, ARE ANCIENT, HAVING EXISTED SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. THE TRUE BUILDERS OF THIS DITCH WERE OUR ANCESTORS. HE LEADS ONE TO BELIEVE OUR ANCESTORS WONDERED AIMLESSLY TILL 1905, WAITING ON 600 JAPANESE MEN TO BUILD THIS DITCH. AOLE!!. CAN THE FALLACY END HERE, PLEASE?. KOHALA DIDN'T START FROM THE SUGAR INDUSTRY OK?. AS A MATTER OF FACT ALL THINGS HAWAIIAN MADE THE SUGAR INDUSTRY, OUR LANDS, OUR RIGHTS, OUR RESOURCES, EVEN OUR ACCESSES.

TAKE A HIKE ALONG THE DITCH TRAIL?. WE GET ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH TRESPASSING. THE WATERFALL AT THE TOP AND BACK OF POLOLU?, USE TO BE WATERFALLSSS-PLURAL. BEEN DOWN IN TO THE VALLEY? THE POLOLU STREAM FLOWS NO MORE!!. WHERE HAS ALL THE WATER GONE. ITS DIVERTED VIA WAY OF THE DITCH.(KAYAKERS FLOAT) THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR YEARS ON ALL THE ISLANDS. THE POINT IS THIS, JUST BECAUSE THE DITCH TRAVERSES ON CHALON PROPERTIES, DOESN'T MAKE THE WATER THEIRS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, DIVERTING WATERS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER RENDERING IT USELESS, IS AGAINST THE LAW. AND SPEAKING OF CHALON, INFORM MR. HEAD CHALON DOESN'T INHERIT ANYTHING FROM KOHALA CORP. OK? THERES NO BLOOD CONNECTION. POOR REPORTING DON'T YOU THINK.

I ALSO TOOK OFFENSE HIS USE OF DESCRIBING THE DITCH TAKING KOHALA FROM THE THIRD WORLD INTO THE FIRST WORLD. WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN OF THE FIRST WORLD. EVERYBODY WHO PROFITS TODAY TAKES FROM THE FIRST WORLD. ITS ALL ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOW TODAYS USER IS TOMORROWS ABUSER. EVERYBODY WANTS TO MAKE MONEY BUT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT? BOO!!. FROM THE STATE, TO THE COUNTY, CHALON, KAYAKERS, BIKE RIDERS, MOTORCYCLE CRUISERS, HIKERS, CAMPERS, TO THE MULE RIDES INTO THE CROWN LANDS OF POLOLU? WHATS UP WITH THAT? HOW RUDE!!.

THE REAL PROTECTOR'S AND PRESERVER'S OF HAWAII'S ENVIRONMENT WERE HAWAIIANS. IF THEY HAD USED AND ABUSED THEIR ENVIRONMENT AS TODAYS USER CONTINUES TO, HAWAII'S ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE NON EXISTENT!!. ECO-TOURISM WILL BE THE DEATH OF KOHALA.

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