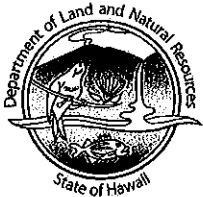


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Mr. Chris Yuen, Planning Director
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101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
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Dear Mr. Yuen:

This is further response to your letter dated February 8, 2007 concerning parcel TMK (3) 6-5-001:020.

As I have consistently stated in the past, DLNR has no intention or interest in further developing this site. We recognize that it is an important open space resource for the Waimea and South Kohala Community. The parcel is subject to a pasture lease at this time. We expect to issue a new pasture lease after the expiration of the existing lease.

With respect to the zoning, we have no objection to changing the zoning to agriculture 400 acres. We believe this demonstrates our commitment of maintaining this large open space above the town of Waimea.

This does not in any way limit or affect our rights over this or other state-owned parcels within Hawaii County or any other county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter T. Young".

Peter T. Young
Chairperson

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