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February 24, 2009

BJ Leithead Todd, Acting Deputy Planning Director County of Hawaii Planning Department 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3 Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4224 LOG NO: 2009.0715 DOC NO: 0902MD43

Archaeology

Dear Mr. Todd:

SUBJECT:

Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review -

Request for Comment on a Subdivision/Reconsolidation Application (SUB-06-

000435), Foti Alae Properties, LLC, et al., Applicants 'Ala'e Ahupua'a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai'i

TMK: (3) 8-7-005:001, 002, & 010 through 019

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the aforementioned project, which we received on February 24, 2009. This project will affect historic properties, and we request that no further action be taken until an archaeological inventory survey and any resulting historic preservation requirements have been completed.

According to our records we approved an archaeological inventory survey plan (the Plan) for all 123 acres of this project in April 2005 (Log No. 2005.0870, Doc No. 0504MM16). The approved Plan indicated that 40 of those acres have been previously impacted by bulldozing activities, but the remainder of the property is intact. The Plan further detailed the presence of lava tube entrances and numerous LCAwards which are expected to contain historic properties, as well as a portion of the historic King's Trail. We anticipate other trails being present as well based on research done in nearby coastal properties.

The Plan was produced by Scientific Consulting Services, Inc. and submitted by an archaeologist no longer with that firm. In our acceptance letter we requested an end of fieldwork report prior to submission of the archaeological inventory survey report; we have no record of receiving either, which may indicate that the survey was never completed or that it is still being written. Regardless of the reason, these items are still required by us for review and approval.

Thank you for following up on this matter. When we receive any of the required reports or other correspondence regarding this property we will copy you on our letters.

If you have questions about this letter please contact Morgan Davis at (808) 933-7650.

Aloha,

Nancy McMahon, Deputy SHPO/State Archaeologist and Historic Preservation Manager

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