



A Better Future for Mauna a Wākea Hawai'i's Sacred Summit

What's going on: Forty years ago, the people of Hawai'i agreed to share our highest and most sacred summit with a small community of UH astronomers--on the promise of protection and stewardship for fragile alpine habitats, endemic native species, and sacred cultural landscapes. Sadly, the promise to mālama (care for) our sacred summit remains unfulfilled.

The footprint of roads, buildings, parking, and ever-larger telescope complexes has grown and prospered, while natural and cultural resources have been irreplaceably lost, desecrated and destroyed. Today, even more development is proposed.

Mauna Kea is:

- Wao Akua, dwelling of Wākea
- Home of Poli'ahu and her sisters
- Used by cultural practitioners today
- Conservation district lands
- Above the main aquifer for the island
- "Ceded" crown lands
- Home to endemic native plants and animals, many found nowhere else on the planet



Conservation Lands?



1994 dynamite explosions for telescope construction

Industrial park desecrates wahi pana, degrades conservation lands

Saying it Loud and Often, Doesn't Make it True

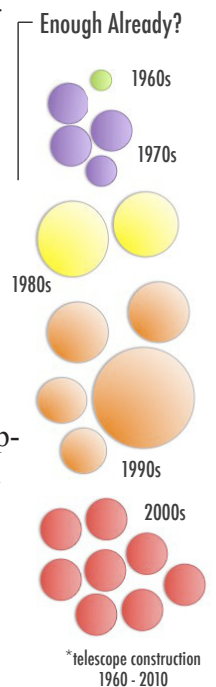
In recent years, the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents and other developers on the mountain have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in a massive PR campaign to assure us that the problems of mismanagement on Mauna Kea have been fixed.

Here's how we know it isn't true:

- **More development every decade.** The University Board of Regents recently released their latest development plan for the mountain (2009), which places **no** upper limit on construction, while limiting Hawaiian cultural practice and public access.

- **Developer control of summit management.** The UH Board of Regents continues to control decision-making on new development projects. In a classic fox-guarding-the-hen-house scenario, the Board of Regents approves their own development projects, with advisory from their Mauna Kea Management Board (to which they appoint 100% of the members).

- **No compensation.** "Ceded" crown lands on the summit continue to be leased for \$1 year, in violation of the Hawai'i law (HRS 171). Developers are offering a \$1M benefits package in return for permission to start their proposed 18-story, 8-acre TMT construction project, but have made no move to remedy the sweetheart \$1 deal for existing construction and industrial land use.



Take Action!

A better future is possible! We are asking for simple, common sense solutions, including: independent management, appropriate limits on development based on summit carrying capacity, and fair compensation for past development.

Sign the petition and spread the word!
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