

## The Navy and NASA invite you to participate in the environmental planning process and submit comments.

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have jointly prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of proposed real estate agreements with the State of Hawai'i for the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) and the Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO). **The Navy and NASA invite you to review the Draft EIS and provide public comments.** The Navy proposes to retain the use of 8,172 acres of State of Hawai'i lands on Kaua'i in support of continued military training, testing, and facility operations at PMRF. The Navy operates on approximately 410 acres of the total acres leased from the state. The majority of the leased and easement areas remain intentionally undeveloped as they are used as an encroachment buffer and security for the facility's mission. NASA proposes to retain the use of 23 acres of State of Hawai'i land on Kaua'i in support of maintaining data collection efforts of global and local significance at KPGO. The Proposed Action is needed because existing real estate agreements for these state lands are set to expire between 2027 and 2030.

The Navy and NASA will host public meetings at three locations on Kaua'i. Each meeting will include a live online broadcast and public comment opportunity. Attend any of the public meetings to talk story, learn more, and submit written or oral comments. Meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. HST at the locations listed below. To participate online, register at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 Kaua'i Veterans Center 3215 Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hwy, Līhu'e Wednesday, July 16, 2025 Kekaha Neighborhood Center 8130 Elepaio Road, Kekaha Thursday, July 17, 2025 Sheraton Kaua'i Coconut Beach Resort, Makai Ballroom 650 Aleka Loop, \_\_\_\_\_ Kapa'a

## <u>AGENDA</u>

5 to 6 p.m. Information stations – meet the project team, talk story, and ask questions. Visit the comments station to provide a written or oral comment. 6 to 6:30 p.m. Presentation by Navy and NASA. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oral comments from the public in person and online.

These public meetings will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and in support of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 to receive comments on the Draft EIS. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the environmental planning process by providing input on the proposed real estate action including on the environmental impacts of the alternatives, environmental or cultural concerns, information the public would like the Navy and NASA to know, and any other information the public would like to see addressed in the Final EIS. The public meetings will also serve as an opportunity to obtain public input concerning potential effects to historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and HRS Section 6E-8. Your voice is important to this planning process.

The public review and comment period begins *June 20, 2025, and ends August 7, 2025*. Please attend a public meeting and visit the project website to learn more. For language assistance or special accommodations, contact the PMRF Public Affairs Officer at (808) 335-4740 or PMRFPublicAffairs@us.navy.mil. <u>Requests for language assistance or special accommodations should be made at least 7 days prior to the public meeting</u>. *Submit Comments by August 7, 2025, 11:59 p.m. HST*. The public may submit comments in any of the following ways: In person or online at a public meeting, through the project website at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com, by email to info@PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com, or by mail postmarked by *August 7, 2025*, to the following address: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Environmental OPHEV2, Attention: PMRF and KPGO RE EIS Project Manager, Ms. Kerry Ling, 400 Marshall Road, Building X-11, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860. For more information and to view a copy of the Draft EIS, visit PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com.