



1. RESTORATION SUMMARY

*August & September
2012*

Restoration Activities:

- During the month of August, volunteers from Leeward Community College's Hawaiian Club visited Kaho'olawe contributing work to the NRCS wetland grant as well as conducting some hard pan restoration along the K-1 road using kiawe logs and pili grass to make wattles and swales.
- Paul Higashino and James Bruch both attended the Hawaii Conservation Conference on O'ahu. Paul gave a talk entitled "20 Years of Restoration on Kaho'olawe" and Jamie presented a poster entitled "Control and Monitoring of Feral Cats on Kaho'olawe: A Step Towards Eradication."
- During the month of September, two groups of employees from DLNR helped cut and mulch kiawe trees in Kealialalo. Aside from contributing hours towards the NRCS wetland grant, both DLNR and KIRC staff had opportunities to network during evening meeting sessions.

Other News:

- Paul Higashino and Lyman Abbott met with officials from NRCS. A visit is scheduled at the end of November to check on progress of the grant.
- Daniela Maldini & Lyman submitted the DOH III grant proposal.
- The RAWS rain gauges reset on October 1st annually. This year there was 2.3" of rain at Honokanai'a and 6.2" at the Hakioawa weather station. Normally totals amount to 10" at Honokanai'a and 20" at the summit; more than half of what was received.
- The Luamakika weather station is down due to increasing costs and maintenance issues.
- The Ka Holo I Ka Lani rain ceremony was held on September 30th at both Kaho'olawe and Pu'u Mahoe.



Top photo: Aerial view of clearance work at Kaukukapapa.
Bottom left: Thirsty bees at Kealialalo indicating lack of rain fall.

Right: Volunteers from LCC making a wattle.