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PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS FOR TREATMENT OPTIONS OF NATIONAL REGISTER SITE NUMBER 50-20-97-110 FEATURE BU ON KAHO‘OLAWE

The island of Kaho‘olawe was placed on the national Register of Historic Places. Since that time, the island’s archaeological remains have been exposed to the continuing deleterious effects of erosion and weather.

Feature BU of National Register Site Number 50-20-97-110, also known as Loa‘a or Pōkāneloa, is a collection of petroglyphs and cupules located on the top surface of a large flat boulder. This 3m by 4m boulder is located along a severely eroded gulch in the hardpan area of the south eastern quadrant of the island. Various studies have been done on the boulder and have suggested that it may possess an archaeo-astronomical significance in Hawaiian culture.

Public listening sessions will be held in Hilo on Hawai‘i Island in an effort to gather input for a site protection plan from stakeholders and those interested in the management of cultural and historic sites on Kaho‘olawe.

Hawai‘i – Hilo
6:00 pm till 9:00 pm
Friday December 7th, 2012
at Hawai‘i Community College
Manono Campus
Building 388 Rm. 102
1175 Manono St. Hilo, HI. 96720-4091

For more information, please visit <http://www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/pokaneloa> or by emailing pokaneloa@kirc.hawaii.gov or by phone at (808) 243-5888.

The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission is responsible for the care and protection of Kaho‘olawe’s cultural resources which include archaeological and historic remnants of the island’s early inhabitants and for expanding the meaningful cultural use of the island.