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To: Federal, State, and Local Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

Thank you for your interest in the Outrigger Telescopes Project, proposed for the W.M. Keck Observatory site, Mauna Kea, island of Hawai'i. Please find enclosed a copy of NASA's final Environmental Assessment (EA), and the therein referenced Appendix E (Wekiu Bug Monitoring Plan). After careful evaluation of the EA and consideration of all the comments, NASA has determined that, subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures, the proposed Outrigger Telescopes Project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

The EA, with all its appendices, has been incorporated by reference in NASA's decision document -- "Determination of Required Mitigation and Decision." This document is also enclosed for your ready reference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Howard".

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