West Maui Wildfire Mitigation Planning Elizabeth Pickett, Executive Director

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Wildfire threats are imminent and can have widespread damage that potentially affects all properties within Western Maui, including Honokowai and Wahikuli Watersheds. To better plan and prepare for wildfire at multiple scales and timeframes in West Maui and Wahikuli-Honokowai, Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO), worked with private land owners, the West Maui First Task Force, and local and state Fire Prevention personnel to develop a Western Maui Wildfire Protection Plan and a Wahikuli-Honokowai Wildfire Mitigation Plan for pre-fire and post-fire actions to reduce wildfire impacts.

RESULTS

- The Western Maui Community
 Wildfire Protection Plan is available
 at Hawaiwidlfire.org and can be
 used as a reference to develop
 wildfire-related projects across
 Western Maui.
- It is crucial that the lands within the
 Wahikuli-Honokowai watersheds
 are managed for wildfire hazard
 reduction

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) Complete a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for West Maui to establish an understanding of fire threat and resources needed to address to enable community and agency preparedness in the event of a wildfire;
- 2) Develop a plan that provides recommendations for how to reduce wildfire hazards and decrease likelihood of wildfire ignition and spread in Wahikuli-Honokowai.
- 3) Develop a plan to aid landowners and manager sin Wahikuli-Honokowai to prepare ahead of time for a strong post-fire response (ultimately to reduce erosion and other post-fire damage).

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COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

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The Western Maui CWPP is available to the public at: www. Hawaii Wildfire.org

MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES

Resource managers now have a comprehensive list of wildfire-related concerns, priorities, and projects that were collaboratively discussed and developed across Western Maui. These are intended to be used as a basis from which decisions and projects to mitigate wildfire are based. Similarly, the Wahikuli-Honokowai watersheds have now undergone a detailed assessment for management activities that can be implemented to reduce wildfire risk. The Wahikuli-Honokowai Wildfire Mitigation Plan is intended for use by managers to reduce wildfire hazard and risk.