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## Earth Day Environmental Tours at PTA

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii—U.S. Army Garrison, Pōhakuloa invites the public to get up close and personal with the local environment during two cultural tours and two natural resources tours at Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA), April 23, in celebration of the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day.

The morning tours are from 9 to 11 a.m. and the afternoon tours are from 1 to 3 p.m. Each tour will be limited to 20 individuals.

The cultural resources tour will highlight a visit to a volcanic glass quarry site and a lithic workshop/habitation site, discussion of volcanology of the area, and how this relates to the types of sites found in the Saddle region.

The natural resources tour will feature an interpretive hike inside the Kipuka Kalawamauna East Fence Unit. The hike will include an overview on threat management, scale of challenges confronting endangered species management, and invasive plant control. There will be an opportunity to see two endangered plant species.

Transportation will be provided from Mauna Kea State Park (at Mile Marker 34 of Saddle Road) at 8:30 a.m. for the morning tours and at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon tours. Participants should wear jacket and hiking shoes due to rough walking terrain. Hats, sunscreen protection, and bottled water are strongly recommended. Call Chicpaul Becerra, Pohakuloa Public Affairs Liaison Officer, to make reservations by leaving your name and phone number by the April 20 deadline, at 969-2411. No walk-ins will be admitted.