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### **Marines Volunteer at Ulu La’au**

POHAKULOLOA TRAINING AREA (PTA), Hawaii—Ten U.S. Marines from 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines, Kaneohe, recently took a break from training at Pohakuloa Training Area to support Ulu La’au (Waimea Nature Park). In an all day effort, the Marines cleared numerous logs and brush partially clogging Waikoloa Stream, which begins on the south flank of the Kohala Mountains, runs through Waimea, and flows to the ocean at Waiulaula river mouth. Debris in Waikoloa stream contributed to the last significant flood in Waimea in March 2004.

The Marines volunteered a whole day of hard labor as a service to the community. Volunteers from Ulu La’au, a project of Waimea Outdoor Circle, prepared a hearty lunch for the Marines, who are training for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

“A big mahalo to our new friends from the Marine Corps and the wonderful support of “Team Pohakuloa” for the untiring support to our community”, said Lt. Col. Warline Richardson, commander, Pohakuloa Training Area. “We are one team coming together to make all things better for the common good. Our military is truly a big part of our community,” she noted.

Ulu La’au is open to the public during daylight hours. Park entrance can be found by following the Hawaii Visitors and Convention directional sign for Ulu La’au at the entrance to Canada France Hawaii Telescope Headquarters. Parking is available inside the park. A self guiding tour brochure introduces visitors to the numerous native plants and trees, all planted and cared for by local school and community volunteers. New mini-trails built by the Hawaii Pacific Academy and Parker Schools encourage park exploration. For additional information, contact Pete Hendricks, Ulu la’au volunteer at 885-4453.