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...Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Becomes TsunamiReady/StormReady...

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HVNP) recently became the third national park in the United States National Park system to become recognized StormReady and only the second to be recognized as TsunamiReady. HVNP joins Grand Teton National Park and the National Park of American Samoa as recognized communities.

“Our efforts to become recognized as TsunamiReady/StormReady truly helped enhance visitor and employee safety throughout the park.” Talmadge Magno, Chief Ranger HVNP.

HVNP officials worked closely with officials from the National Weather Service office in Honolulu to meet the standards set forth by the StormReady/TsunamiReady program. The park’s emergency plan is unique because the park encompasses terrain from the ocean to over 13,000 ft. The plan had to account for the tsunami threat for campers/hikers along the coast as well as backpackers climbing high up on Mauna Loa’s bare slopes. Part of the park’s efforts led to an enhanced warning system along the coast as well as a road/trail closure rating system for access to Mauna Loa.

For more information about the National Weather Service’s StormReady and TsunamiReady programs go to: www.stormready.noaa.gov.

