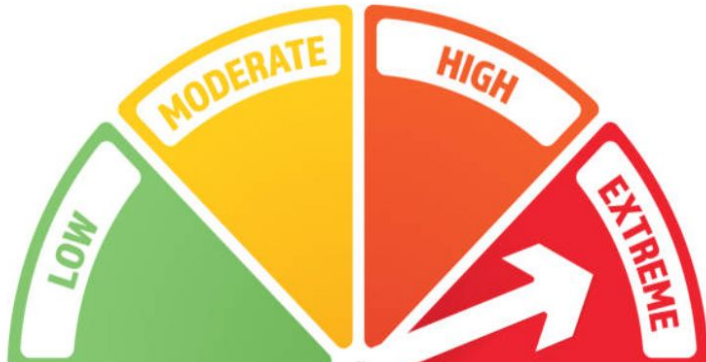


# Wildfire Prevention Community Meeting



**Leihōkū Elementary School**

**May 16, 2024**

Meeting was postponed due to inclement weather

# AGENDA at a GLANCE

5:00 pm	Welina Mai
5:15 pm	Introductions and Purpose of Meeting
5:30 pm	Clay Trauernicht Presentation
5:40 pm	Video Clips
5:45 pm	DOE Nānākuli-Wai‘anae Complex Area Wildfire Initiative
6:00 pm	What’s Next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Leihōkū Demonstration Project</li><li>- Hawai‘i Wildfire Management Organization Firewise Community Info</li></ul>
6:15 pm	Gallery Walk, Talk Story/Ask Questions, Adopt a Plant
6:30 pm	Closing and Mahalo

# INTRODUCTIONS

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## LEIHŌKŪ MEETING CORE PLANNING TEAM

**Rebecca Gebreyesus**, Principal of Leihōkū Elementary

**Disa Hauge**, DOE NW Complex Area Superintendent

**Eric Enos**, Co-founder/Director of Ka‘ala Farm

**Kurt Tsue** and **Briana Ackerman**, Hawaiian Electric

**Pauline Sato**, Co-founder/Director of Mālama Learning Center

**Samantha DeCorte**, Community Volunteer

# MEETING PURPOSE

After you leave today, you will:

- Understand the wildfire threat in Wai‘anae and what can be done to reduce the threat
- Know basic things you can do around your home to reduce the threat of wildfires.
- Be informed about the Leihōkū demonstration project behind the school
- Understand the benefits of becoming a Firewise Community and how to get started
- Meet people from organizations that can help our communities
- Meet neighbors who share similar concerns

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Community Meeting**  
Leihōkū Elementary School

**WILDFIRE PREVENTION**  
**Thursday, May 16**  
**5 - 6:30 pm** *First 50 households take home trees!*

*Refreshments served* at School Cafeteria

- Learn how to reduce wildfire risk
- Hear from wildfire experts
- Be informed about 1,000+ ft of firebreak clearance behind Leihōkū Elementary
- Be proactive to keep our keiki and community safe!



*RSVP here by May 14*

# PRESENTATION: CLAY TRAUERNICHT



## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA  
COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

### Clay Trauernicht, PhD

Extension Specialist, Wildland Fire

Cooperative Extension

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

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[LINK](#)



# WILDFIRE VIDEO CLIPS

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Eric Enos, Executive Director,  
Ka'ala Farm

Pake Salmon, Content Creator

[Video Link](#)



# DOE NĀNĀKULI - WAI'ANAE COMPLEX AREA INITIATIVE

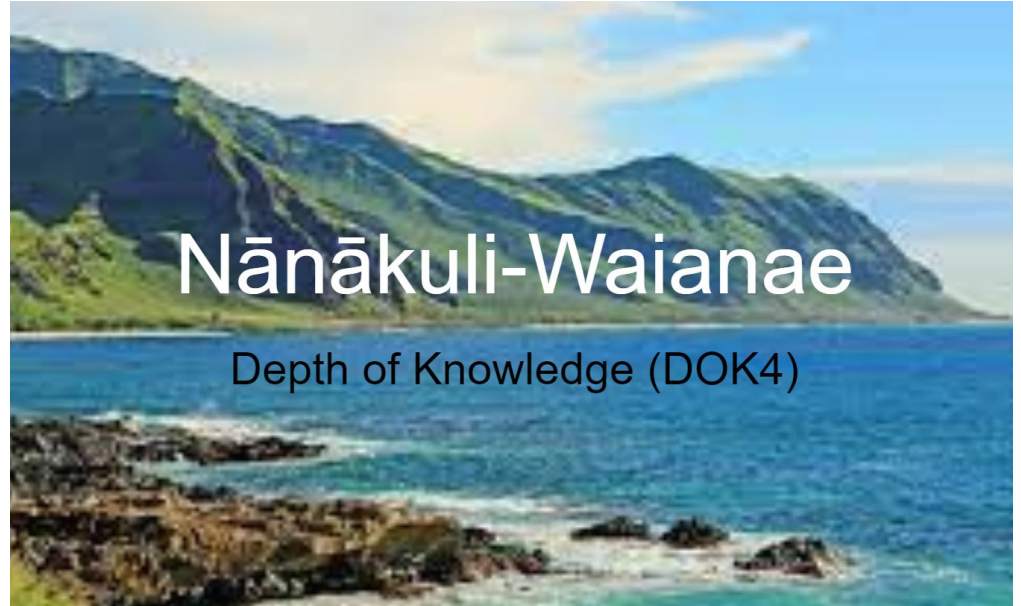
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**Disa Hauge**

Complex Area Superintendent

SY 2023-24 Wildfire Initiative

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# WAI'ANAE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STEM PROJECT



Hawaii students nationally recognized for wildfire  
education efforts in wake of Lahaina disaster

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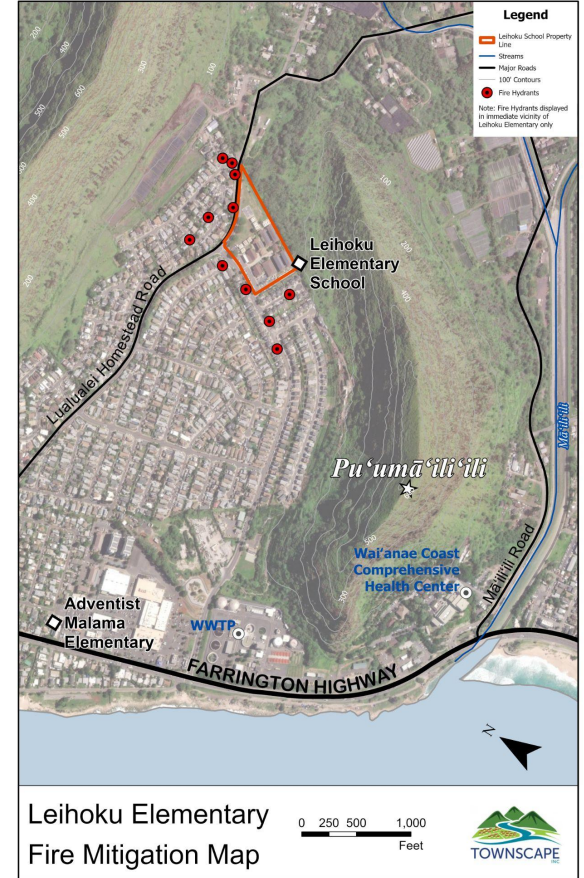


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# WHAT'S NEXT?

## Leihōkū Wildfire Mitigation Demonstration Project



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Initial clearing of grass, brush, and kiawe branches will be performed by **Kuahiwi Fencing and Wildlife Services**. Mahalo to **Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands** for Right of Entry Permit and **Hawaiian Electric** for funding for this important project. **Leihōkū Elementary** students will develop ideas to keep the area free of fuel for wildfires.



The firebreak will extend for 1,000 ft x 30 ft between Pu'u Mā'ili'ili and the school.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

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**Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization** - [hawaiiwildfire.org](https://hawaiiwildfire.org)

**Ashley Bare**, HWMO Climate Champion, [ashley@hawaiiwildfire.org](mailto:ashley@hawaiiwildfire.org)

Firewise Community Information - [hawaiiwildfire.org/firewise-program](https://hawaiiwildfire.org/firewise-program)

[LINK](#) to presentation



# WHAT'S NEXT?

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**Reduce Your Fire Risk**

**Clear "Fuel" Away From Your Home**

**Clean Rain Gutters of Debris**

**Be Wildfire Ready and Wildfire Resilient**

**Learn About Future Community Meetings & Demonstration Projects**

**Stay Connected & Be Prepared**

# MAHALO

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- All Attendees & Coordinators
  - Dept. of Education N-W Complex Area Superintendent - Disa Hauge
  - Dept. of Education Leihōkū Elementary - Rebecca Gebreyesus, Elena Forsythe
  - Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands - Richard Hoke and Kalei Young
  - Dept. of Land & Natural Resources, DOFAW - Mike Walker
  - Ka'ala Farm - Eric Enos & Team
  - Kuahiwi Fencing and Wildlife Services LLC - Josiah Jury
  - Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization - Ashley Bare
  - Hawaiian Electric - Kurt Tsue & Team
  - Honolulu Fire Department - Carl Ostuka
  - Mālama Learning Center - Pauline Sato & Team
  - Tammy Smith, catering
  - UH Mānoa, CTAHR - Clay Trauernicht
  - Wai'anae Mountains Watershed Partnership - Yumi Miyata Kam

# GALLERY WALK

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- Honolulu Fire Department
- Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization
- Hawaiian Electric
- Ka'ala Farm
- Mālama Learning Center
- Wai'anae Mountains Watershed Partnership
- Tree Giveaway

Ask Questions/Pick Up Resources

Mahalo for coming to this meeting!

Please return home safely and a hui hou!