Environmental Justice

Maui Style

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Communities on Two Continents Send Message: Save Rio Grande Valley From LNG

Sierra Club, nationwide, has committed to Environmental Justice for decades
PROTECTING MAUI’S SACRED PLACES

In the kanaka maoli world view, Haleakala is seen as a Wao Akua, a place reserved for sacred activities.
In Western culture, the mountain is a place to build structures and practice science. Hawaiian culture is often seen as “being in the way of progress.” Sierra Club has long supported respect for Hawaiian cultural views of the Mauna.
Water Justice for East Maui
20 years of Sierra Club advocacy to support E. Maui residents

We Demand WATER JUSTICE

Let the STREAMS BREATH so our OCEANS can HANAU

FACT #9
APX. 50 years ago 500+ acres were under taro cultivation in Keanae and Wailuku; alone FACE THE FACTS!
Hundreds of people depend upon streams, like Hanehoi stream, in East Maui, which has been severely diverted for more than 100 years.
After 20 years of court battles by SC allies, Hanehoi and 8 other streams were restored. Sierra Club reps served as witnesses to the need to restore Hanehoi & dozens of other East Maui streams.
Respecting Hawaiian History

This historic stone enclosure near the shore in Makena was declared to be “no longer significant” and destroyed. Thousands of other Hawaiian sites meet the same fate every year.
Old plantation infrastructure is often considered of great historic importance. A proposed Pa’ia bypass route was rejected, because it could impact historic remains like these.
Respect for our ancestors

The ancestors of Alexander & Baldwin lie protected in the grounds of Makawao Union Church.

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The ancestors of thousands of Kanaka Maoli lie broken & scattered in the sand dunes, on lands mined by Alexander & Baldwin subsidiary, Ameron. the burial lands are then sold for development, after burials are removed. Sierra Club opposes these sandmining policies and disturbing iwi kupuna.
Clean Air and Safe Neighborhoods

North Kihei affordable housing adjoins Monsanto GMO fields & is exposed to windblown pesticides from dusty Mahi Pono fields....
South Kihei luxury condos are surrounded by greenways far from dust & GMO fields. Sierra Club supports clean air and safe neighborhoods for all.
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