



Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program

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Application For Advisory Council Membership

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Why are you interested in serving as a member of the Advisory Council?

Trails have always shaped my path. I began as a long distance runner and later became a trail builder across North America. Hawai'i's deep trail history helped me see that runners also carry the responsibility of being messengers leading me to become a teacher. In my masters program in Indigenous Education, I view these trails as the infrastructure of learning Indigenous economics.

What skills and/or knowledge would you contribute to the Na Ala Hele Program?

I have held board membership and advisory council positions that include LCPCS Board, Laupahoehoe Advisory Council, and currently on the board of the Three Mountain Alliance and E Mau Na Ala Hele.

What would you like to see the Na Ala Hele Program Accomplish?

I want to be better equipped to understand how to weave organizations together around trails that hold overlapping commitments. My passion is improving how volunteer hours are documented and integrated into organizational frameworks. I see historic trails as a living system—one that sustained communities for thousands of years and should remain ready whenever we choose to rely on it again.