

# DESECRATION IN KONA

1250 Oceanside is a 1,550 acre golf-course and luxury home development in Kealahou:

- The developer polluted Kona's pristine waters and reefs with muddy, chemical-laden runoff in violation of clean water laws. The court imposed a permanent injunction on any further water pollution.
- The developer destroyed portions of the 1000-year old Ala Loa trail.
- 1250 Oceanside destroyed and desecrated thousands of graves. The developers illegally placed our ancestors in ziploc bags and improper storage containers.
- The desecrations were so bad that major investor Japan Airlines pulled out of the project.

## Pu'u Ohau: Sacred Burial Ground of Our Ancestors

- Pu'u Ohau is a very significant burial site for ali'i. Kamaeokalani, the grandmother of King Kalākaua and Queen Lili'uokalani is buried there.
- In 1999, the Hawai'i Island Burial Council determined that the entire pu'u is the burial site and recommended building a 6 foot protective rock wall around the base of the Pu'u. The state and the developer agreed. But four years later, there is no wall.
- In January 2003, Peter Young, then acting director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, reneged on the previous agreement and allowed the developer to build up to the 120-foot elevation of the Pu'u.
- 1250 Oceanside has already desecrated the flank of the Pu'u with its golf course, and now plans to build multimillion dollar homes on the hill itself.

Erecting Okūahu'ula on Pu'u Ohau.



## The Vigil for Pu'u Ohau

- On August 29 - 31, 2003, 'ohana from all over the Hawaiian islands gathered to pay homage to Pu'u Ohau. A 24-hour peaceful cultural protocol was held, with prayers given every hour.
- **A Lei of Protection:** Red ti plants were planted around the base and a guardian ki'i named Okūahu'ula was erected and consecrated on the Pu'u. Cultural access and religious practices are protected by the law.

## Desecration and Harassment

- **Ki'i Stolen:** On September 2, Queen Lili'uokalani's birthday, 1250 Oceanside committed deliberate and criminal desecration of the Pu'u. They tore out ti plants, removed the Hawaiian flag and stole Okūahu'ula. Desecrations of cemeteries and places of worship, like the vandalism of Punchbowl Cemetery in 1997 and the recent arson of First Christian Church, are serious criminal offenses.
- Throughout the vigil, 1250 Oceanside harassed and spied upon vigil participants. At one point family members confronted a 1250 Oceanside staff and an armed police officer because of their threatening surveillance activities which interfered with religious practices.

## Kū'ē! Take a Stand to Defend our 'Āina and Restore Ea!

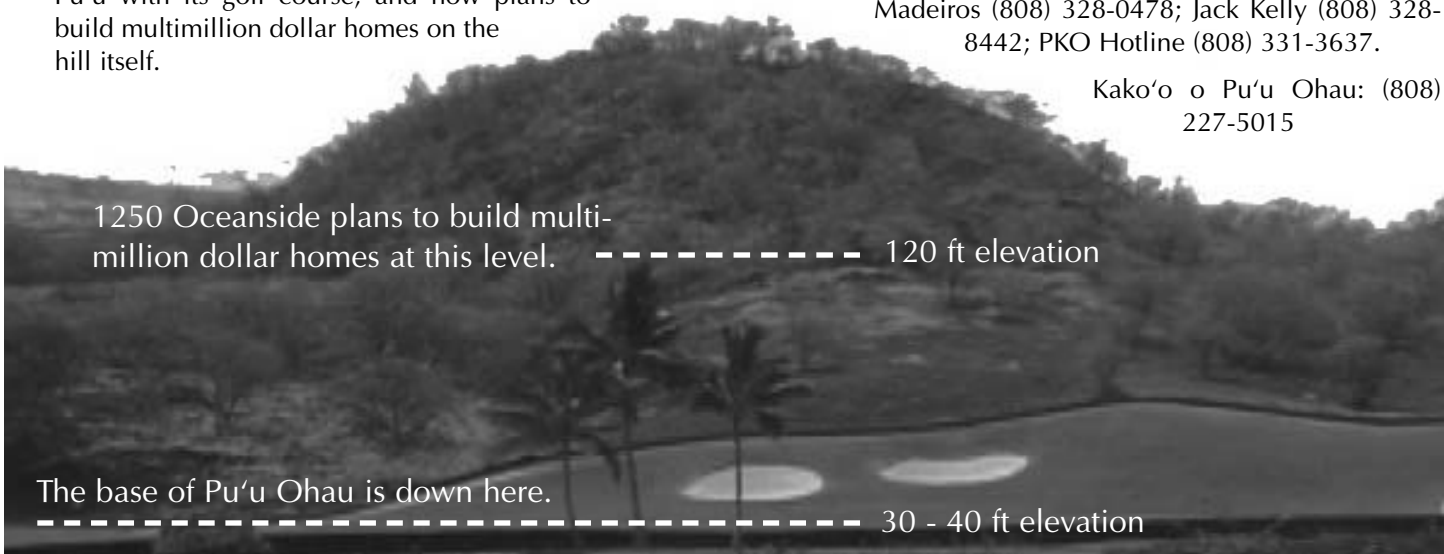
- Call DLNR Chair Peter Young at (808) 587-0400 and demand that he reinstate an immediate cease and desist order on 1250 Oceanside Partners from accessing the Pu'u and seek aggressive prosecution of these violations.
- Call Governor Lingle at (808) 586-0034 and urge her to revoke all permits for 1250 Oceanside due to their criminal conduct in collusion with state and county offices.
- Other direct actions are being planned.

**For More Information contact Protect Keopuka 'Ohana:** Jim Madeiros (808) 328-0478; Jack Kelly (808) 328-8442; PKO Hotline (808) 331-3637.

Kako'o o Pu'u Ohau: (808) 227-5015

1250 Oceanside plans to build multi-million dollar homes at this level. ----- 120 ft elevation

The base of Pu'u Ohau is down here. ----- 30 - 40 ft elevation



# Aia i hea i ke ki'i Okūahu'ula?

