

Statewide Assessment of Hawai`i Forests from Reef to Ridge

Topic of Free Public Presentation

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Honolulu, Lili`u Theatre, Room 10,

Participants: Free and open to all interested public

*P*eople of Hawaii, how are we doing managing our forested lands? What services are provided by the

trees in our cities and neighborhoods? How much is our water really worth? What do we value most

about our environment? What about fire, invasive species, endangered species, our wildlife.

*W*hat kind of data, technology and tools are being used for planning and managing our forests and

urban areas? And how will we pay to manage our precious natural resources in

this time of economic crisis? How can you stay informed and involved in caring for our forests, both

public and private?

*T*his session is geared to the general public. We will introduce you to an ongoing planning process called

the Hawaii Statewide Assessment of Forest Conditions, and the Statewide Resource Strategy (also

called the Hawaii SWARS project).

*E*ach state in the country is required to produce these plans, and submit them to the Secretary of

Agriculture by June of 2010. But Hawaii is unique, and so is our SWARS project.

We will introduce you to the team of State, Federal and nonprofit partners

working on this exciting project. And we hope that you will share with us your thoughts and feelings

about how we as a society should proceed in protecting

our beloved island home, our forests, our reefs, our communities and our precious resources

and sacred spaces.

Please, join us.