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TO: Federal, State and County Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

On behalf of the National Science Foundation (NSF), attached for your review is a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the proposed Advanced Technology Solar Telescope (ATST) at the Haleakalā High Altitude Observatory site on the Island of Maui, Hawai'i. This SDEIS is a joint Federal and State of Hawai'i document prepared in compliance with the Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State of Hawai'i Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. This SDEIS is also being prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with issuing a National Park Service Special Use Permit application, pursuant to 36 CFR § 5.6 to operate commercial vehicles on the Haleakalā National Park road during the construction and operation of the proposed ATST Project, if approved. The SDEIS is available in all Maui libraries and on the Internet at: http://atst.nso.edu/.

NEPA SDEIS PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

Public Comment Period: The NSF welcomes Federal, State, and County agencies, and the public to participate in the 45-day comment period beginning May 8, 2009, and ending on June 22, 2009.

Comments must be received or postmarked by June 22, 2009.

Public comment hearings will take place, as follows:

- 1. Cameron Center Auditorium, 95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, Maui, HI June 3, 2009, Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Hannibal Tavares (Pukalani) Community Center, Pukalani Street, Room MHT #1 (downstairs), Pukalani, Maui, HI June 4, 2009, Thursday, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

ORIGINAL comments should be sent to the applicant: Craig Foltz, Ph.D., ATST Program Manager National Science Foundation, Division of Astronomical Sciences 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1045, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: 703-292-4909, Fax: 703-292-9034, E-mail: cfoltz@nsf.gov

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COPIES of comments should also be sent to:

- Dept. of Health, Office of Environmental Quality Control, REF: ATST 235 South Beretania Street, Room 702, Honolulu, HI 96813 Fax: 808-586-4186
- Mr. Mike Maberry, Associate Director University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy 34 Ohia Ku Street, Pukalani, HI 96768 Fax: 808-573-9557
- Charlie Fein, Ph.D., KC Environmental, Inc. P. O. Box 1208, Makawao, HI 96768 Fax: 808-573-7837 E-mail: charlie@kcenv.com

If you are receiving a CD and would like a hardcopy, please contact Dr. Charlie Fein.

NHPA CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Consultation meetings to solicit public input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will be held on Maui by the National Science Foundation and Haleakalā National Park as follows:

- 1. June 8, 2009, Monday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm Kula Community Center, E. Lower Kula Road, Kula, Maui
- 2. June 9, 2009, Tuesday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Haiku Community Center, Hana Highway at Pilialoha Street, Haiku, Maui
- June 10, 2009, Wednesday, 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Maui Community College, 310 W. Kaahumanu Avenue, Pilina Building - Multi-purpose Room Kahului, Maui

You are invited to participate in these meetings to provide feedback and comments in the area of potential effect, identification and evaluation of cultural, historic and archeological resources, and measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential adverse impacts to these resources. For questions or information about the upcoming consultation meetings, call Elizabeth Gordon, Haleakala National Park Cultural Resources Program Manager at (808)572-4424 or email: elizabeth_gordon@nps.gov.

Information about the proposed ATST Project is available online at both atst.nso.edu/library/36CFR800 and www.nps.gov/hale.

Thank you for your participation in the EIS process for the proposed ATST Project.

Sincerely,

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Charlie Fein, Ph.D. Vice President