

## Note on Pohakuokala Gulch, a Boundary of Lots E, F, and G

As part of the approval process for the Ōma'opio Ridge subdivision, an archaeological firm certified by the state of Hawaii performed a survey of Lots A through G. The survey included a portion of Pohakuokala Gulch, also known as Pūlehu Gulch, the center of which forms the southwestern boundary of Lots E, F, and G. (See [map](#).)

In June, 2005, archaeologists Dr. Allison Chun and David Dillon produced a report of their findings and specified a plan for preserving certain sites that they determined were of significant cultural and historical value. There are five such sites, all of which are accessible only from the bottom of the gulch. They are as follows:

Site 5666 (on Lot G): a single panel of petroglyphs with two anthropomorphic figures;

Site 5667 (near the boundary between Lots F and G): a complex including an overhang and cave, with walls and terraces;

Site 5668 (on Lot F): a “utilized overhang” and rock pile;

Site 5669 (near the boundary between Lots F and E): another “utilized overhang” and stacked rock wall;

Site 5670 (on Lot E): a series of three petroglyph panels depicting horses, dogs and anthropomorphic figures.

In September, 2005, the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources granted its approval of the archaeologists' report and preservation plan, a step that was required before the County would approve the Ōma'opio Ridge subdivision.

Briefly, the preservation plan, which must be adhered to by owners of Lots E, F, and G, is to create a buffer zone of 10 meters around the sites. As interim protection, while any construction activity is taking place on the affected lots, bright orange plastic fence is to be erected on posts along the top edge of the gulch. As a permanent protection, the plan calls for placement of markers of low stone cairns no more than 50 meters apart along the perimeter on the top edge of the gulch.

A copy of the archaeologists' report and preservation plan will be provided to the owners of Lots E, F, and G.