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Kohala Watershed Partnership Celebrates Earth Day 2010

To celebrate Earth Day 2010, The Kohala Watershed Partnership (KWP) invites you to join us in planting native species to restore the forested watershed of Kohala Mountain. Please join us for either the morning session from 8–11 a.m. or the afternoon session from noon to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. We will be working in the 600-acre *Koaʻa* Corridor.

This unique corridor has a wide range of native plants, due to the extreme range of rainfall: from 30 inches in the *makai* sections to over 150 inches in the most *mauka* lands. As a result, more than 50 species of native plants inhabit this watershed, coexisting with an even larger diversity of native insects and birds.

KWP is a voluntary coalition of nine landowners and State land managers who are dedicated to the conservation and management of the watershed of Kohala Mountain. For this restoration project, KWP partners with The Kohala Center, a community-based center for environmental research and education, Parker Ranch, Queen Emma Land Company, and the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW).

All ages and abilities are welcome. Tools, drinking water, and snacks are provided. Please bring a water bottle, wear sturdy shoes and long pants, and bring gloves if you have them. Rain gear is also recommended.

Meet us in the back parking lot of The Kohala Center (next to Parker Square and across the street from Hawaiian Style Cafe) on Kawaihae Road. We will carpool to the work site. Four-wheel drive vehicles are welcome.

Please RSVP early as space is limited. Call the KWP office at 887-6411 or e-mail pelekaneadmin@kohalawatershed.org.

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